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Ford plea for Helsinki promises to be kept

European security conference ended in lsinki yesterday with the signing by the ders of 35 nations of a lengthy declaration nded finally to end the cold war and lay the ndations of a new era of peaceful cooperation. rlier President Ford said the agreements ched must be carried out if they were not to m another chapter in the sorry volume of ulfilled declarations.

Heads of 35 nations sign declaration

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a solemn ceremony the document known as the Act of the conference on ity and cooperation in pe was signed today by rs of 35 nations of East West Europe, the United s and Canada. Only ia was missing as it has since the start of the rence in deference to the se contention that the rence is all a Soviet trick. e signatories sat at a line of desks on an otherempty stage facing the auditorium of the Fin- Hall. The document was ht to each in turn, start- ith Herr Helmut Schmidt, Chancellor of West Ger-

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lier in the day, President speech, the theme of was "Peace is not a piece per", had earned the applause of any speaker conference.

rst, détente is an evolu- process, not a static ion". Mr Ford said. formidable challenges main.

cond, the success of the détente process depends on new behaviour patterns that give life to all our solemn declarations. The goals we are stating today are the yardstick by which our performance will be measured."

The people of all Europe and, he assured the conference, the people of North America, were thoroughly tired of having their hopes raised and then shattered by empty words and unfulfilled pledges. "We had better say what we mean and mean what we say, or we will have the anger of our citizens to answer."

Speaking in a clear, firm voice, he said that finally, there must be an acceptance of mutual obligation. "Détente, as I have often said, must be a two-way street. Tensions cannot be eased by one side alone. Both sides must want détente and work to achieve it. Both sides must benefit from it."

Much more remained to be done before they could congratulate themselves. Military competition must be controlled. Political competition must be restrained. Crises must not be manipulated for unilateral advantages.

That could lead us again to the brink of war. "The process of negotiation must be sustained, not at a snail's pace, but with demonstrated enthusiasm and visible progress."

Every signatory should know, Mr Ford went on, that if the agreements of the conference were to be more than the latest chapter in a long and sorry volume of unfulfilled declaration, every party must be dedicated to making them come true.

Addressing particularly the countries of the East, Mr Ford said: "The United States considers that the principles on which this conference has agreed are part of the great heritage of European civilization which we hold in trust for all mankind. To my country, they are not clichés or empty phrases.

"We take this work and these words seriously. We will spare no effort to ease tensions and solve problems between us. But

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£25m for schools will assist all-in plans

By a Staff Reporter

An allocation of £25m specifically for comprehensive school buildings was announced in the House of Commons yesterday, by Mr Mulley, Secretary of State for Education and Science, as part of the overall school building programme of £186m for 1976-77.

The money is to be spent on improving facilities, such as laboratories, in existing comprehensive schools and on the provision of extensions to help to put comprehensive schemes into effect. It is not intended for building new schools: all the projects will have to be completed by March, 1978.

Mr Mulley, who is about to issue a circular to local authorities on the programme, told the Commons that the money was specifically to assist the development of a fully comprehensive system of secondary education. The circular will invite authorities, in cases where reorganization could not otherwise take place or could not be fully effective, to submit specific projects capable of quick completion for consideration against this sum.

He said later that he wanted to see the money used for smaller extension projects to help to loosen "a reorganization log-jam in a particular area, and for projects which will give additional facilities, such as an extra laboratory, to a school, where this is essential for reorganization to be fully effective".

The overall figure of £186m is less than this year's £216m. It is understood to be made up in part of about £125m for the provision of essential school places, £20m for improvements to buildings, £7m for nursery school places, £7m for special schools and £25m for comprehensive reorganization.

Mr Sr John Stevas, Opposition spokesman for education, said: "If the £25m is spent on improving existing comprehensive schools, it would be very well used. If Mr Mulley did that and left the grammar and direct-grant schools alone we would be very pleased as the improvement to existing comprehensive schools is part of Conservative Party policy. But we would not like to see the money being used for new projects, since we believe there should be a moratorium on the introduction of new comprehensive schools."

Mr Douglas McAvoy, deputy general secretary of the National Union of Teachers, said the decision showed that the Government was aware that changes to buildings were necessary to make some comprehensive schemes effective.

Mr Terence Casey, secretary of the National Association of Schoolmasters, said it was the first time that the Government had shown its readiness to pay for comprehensive education. He hoped the money would be spent "to prevent some of the hotch-potch schemes we have seen in the past".

Mr Leonard Brown, education officer of the Association of County Councils, said the association might have been better pleased if some of the money had been put into the section for the improvement of existing buildings. That would have allowed local authorities more flexibility on how they spent it.

OAU rejects Arab-backed move to expel Israel from UN

From Our Correspondent
Nairobi, Aug 1

President Amin today joined delegates to the Organization of African Unity (OAU) summit conference in watching an aerial and surface bombardment of Bulingugwe island in Lake Victoria, near Kampala, which was supposed to represent Cape Town. This occurred only hours after the conference had completed the last items on its agenda in an all-night sitting.

Despite strong pressure from Arab states, particularly Libya, the OAU did not support a draft resolution calling for Israel's expulsion from the United Nations, or even a less drastic one calling for Israel's suspension.

After some 11 hours of debate, the conference instead called on member states to take the most adequate measures "to reinforce the pressure exerted on Israel at the United Nations . . . including the possibility of eventually depriving it of its membership".

Conference sources said the debate was often heated, but a number of African states refused to support the two alternative resolutions forwarded by the earlier ministerial session of the OAU. Even the amended version eventually approved was accompanied by reservations from five African countries.

Zaire was totally against either the original drafts or the amended version. Ghana, Sierra Leone, Senegal and Liberia said they had no clear mandate from their heads of state, who were absent, to accept the amendment.

Mr Moi, Kenya's Vice-President, criticized the impracticability of fulfilling the resolution. He pointed out that moves to expel a member state from the United Nations must come from the Security Council—which would not adopt such a proposal.

"We are emphasizing that the proposal is impractical, and we have found it difficult to support."

Moshe Brilliant writes from Tel Aviv: Israelis were heartened today by the refusal of African countries to pass an Arab-sponsored resolution for their country's suspension from the United Nations.

The development pleasantly surprised observers in Jerusalem as earlier reports had indicated that the passage of the resolution by the Organization of African Unity in Kampala had been a foregone conclusion.

Officials said they did not yet know how many countries had balked and to what degree. They added that what happened in Kampala was indicative of a trend.

Feedbacks from various countries had shown that the number of countries opposing the Arab initiative was growing, the sources said. Third World countries, which were the principal beneficiaries of the United Nations, were said to be concerned over the deterioration of its image.

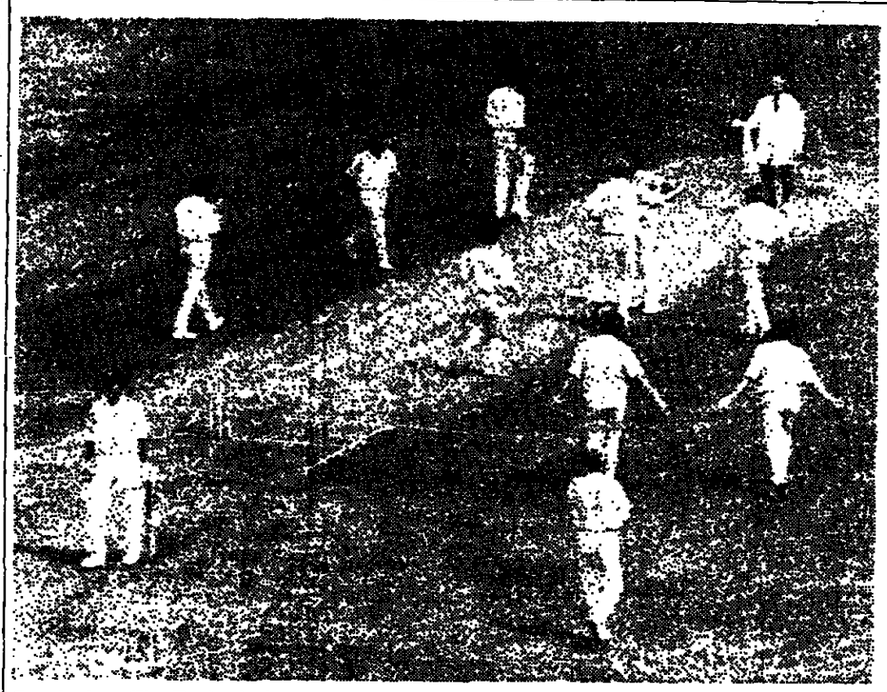
The next test of Arab power will be at the conference of non-aligned nations in Lima, where the Muslim world will be more strongly represented than in Kampala. Officials said the decision by the OAU improved the outlook for another Arab defeat.

However, Israelis were not complacent. Mr Rabin, the Prime Minister, said this morning before flying to Stockholm for a meeting of Socialist leaders in Europe that the main purpose of his mission was to forestall Arab moves to impair Israel's status in the United Nations.

Eric Marsden writes from Jerusalem: The Israel Government is mounting a worldwide diplomatic effort to head off the Arab-backed attempt to expel Israel from the United Nations or suspend it from the General Assembly. Ambassadors have been instructed to make clear that Israel will take countermeasures in either case.

There is little danger of Israel's total expulsion from the world body. Even if such a motion received a majority of votes in the General Assembly it would certainly be vetoed by the United States and Britain in the Security Council.

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Snow's day: The England players converge on John Snow after his dismissal of Greg Chappell in the Second Test Match at Lord's yesterday. Snow was mainly instrumental in Australia losing their first seven wickets for 81. But Australia had their heroes, too, and recovered to reach a total of 268, 47 runs behind England. Ross Edwards scored 99. John Woodcock, page 10.

Norton to lose 2,000 men in closure of Wolverhampton plant

By David Young
Business News Staff

The ironical outcome of the Government's decision not to continue financial backing for the British motor-cycle industry is that its only successful component, the Norton factory at Wolverhampton, will close. The BSA factory at Small Heath, Birmingham, will continue on a much reduced scale.

It now seems there is a possibility of the workers' cooperative at Meriden, Coventry, emerging relatively unaffected by the industry's latest upheaval, provided it can get its planned two new models into early production.

Mr Dennis Poore, the chairman of Norton-Villiers-Triumph, announced yesterday that no dismissals will take place at Wolverhampton and Small Heath until after discussions between management and unions. He added that there would be room for only about a thousand workers in a reorganized private concern compared with the present labour force of 3,000. Mr Poore added:

It is quite clear that we cannot carry on with two factories without further funds and it may be that the unions will take comfort from the success of the sit-in at Meriden.

I am not suggesting that there should be a sit-in, but if the workers were to take this sort of action they would have the management's sympathy. I have every sympathy for the work-force, especially those at Wolverhampton.

The first move will be made on Monday, when NVT will apply to the court for permission to place Norton Villiers Ltd, its subsidiary which owns and operates the Wolverhampton plant, into liquidation. Mr Poore said yesterday that he hoped a liquidator could be appointed early in the week. He added:

This does not pre-empt any decision to be made about redundancies, which will be made following meetings with the trade unions. The decision to place this company into liquidation has been taken by the board after our lawyer advised us that it should be done as a matter of urgency. Small Heath is not in the same financial position as Wolverhampton.

Mr Poore said the detailed effects of the Government decision would be explained to the labour force as far as possible. It would be for the unions to say whether they wished to accept the situation and operate some part of the business on a much reduced scale.

The NVT board will propose that Small Heath, which recently had new plant and machinery installed, will continue to produce up-dated versions of the three-cylinder motor-cycle range. A new Norton model, powered by the recently announced new engine, may be built at Small Heath. The work force will be limited to 1,000, made up of men from Small Heath and Wolverhampton.

Production of a range of smaller capacity machines, assembled from imported components, will be postponed, as will development of the Wankel engine, which NVT has successfully adapted for motor-cycle use.

NVT, if it emerges in a new form, will still be contracted to buy 48,000 twin-cylinder Triumph Bonneville and Tiger models from the Meriden cooperative over the next two years, but only if those models can be developed to meet the engineering standards of NVT and if spares can be supplied. So far Meriden has been able to supply only two prototypes.

The decision to place the Norton end of the business into liquidation, although inevitable under the provisions of the Companies Act and one which could be reversible, has been made at a time when the Norton European marketing operation has a healthy order book and when sales to new markets in Africa and the Middle East are climbing.

The Norton range, despite its elderly design, has consistently appealed to the enthusiast. The Wolverhampton plant has had a long record of success and, until the most recent troubles in the industry, had operated smoothly for 55 years.

The NVT proposals will be put to the work forces at Wolverhampton and Small Heath a week on Monday, when they return from their annual holiday. By then the Wolverhampton workers may have received notice from the liquidator.

Mr Poore criticized the re-

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Nuclear plant cut may prove error

By Pearce Wright
Science Editor

The Government seems to have erred badly in cutting research at Culham Laboratory, Berkshire, into what is now regarded as the most important long-term, pollution-free energy source, nuclear fusion.

The United Kingdom Atomic Energy Authority's centre at Culham had been recognized as leading the world in its work on harnessing the processes of the hydrogen bomb to generate power. But reports yesterday from the Department of Energy, and from the European Economic Community earlier this week, show that the Americans are rapidly overhauling the British research group, which is also the cornerstone of a crucial joint European project.

Instead of splitting heavy atoms to release energy, thus producing dangerous radioactive waste, fusion welds together light atoms of, say, hydrogen to form helium. Hydrogen can also be readily extracted from water.

Eight years ago, Mr Wedgwood Benn, as Minister of Technology, halved research at Culham by £2m a year. The strongest public protest came from visiting senior American scientists. Their effort was fragmented at the time and ineffective. Recently it has leapt ahead by taking one of the research directions opened by Russian scientists and by the Culham group.

A provisional date in the mid-1990s has been given for completion of a commercial power station in the United States using a fusion reactor to generate electricity: but more important in the opinion of some experts in Britain has been the American decision to build two laboratories for testing new materials essential to the building of fusion reactors.

Most serious difficulties in the current atomic energy programme, in the United States and Europe, have come about because conventional engineering materials have been unable to withstand reactor conditions. Although there are attractive safety reasons for developing fusion as opposed to nuclear fission machines, conditions inside a fusion reactor are harsher on materials.

No comparable studies for finding types of metal and special alloys have been started in Europe. In contrast to American plans, the Department of Energy report says there is no prospect of commercial fusion until the twenty-first century.

But the United States Energy Research and Development Administration has evidence showing that Russia and Japan will have plants generating electricity from fusion about the same time as one in North America.

The European programme between 1976 and 1980 will cost about £230m. As the European Commission points out in a review of international activity, the American programme is much greater than the Community's and has plans for more rapid expansion. The Russian programme is even bigger and more diversified.

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told Parliament: "The ence can be held outside sia, but discussions lead- that agreement must be n Rhodesia." He said he ade this clear to Mr David , the Minister of State at reign and Commonwealth who visited Salisbury toria in June.

Smith attacked the n National Council for ng the start of negotia- "If this continues, other ements with other n leaders are in train to an internal settlement."—

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first case of polio in for more than four years onfirmed yesterday. The is a girl aged 20 months, was taken ill while on y in New Quay, Dyfed, with her parents. Polio spected at Bronglais Hos- Aberystwyth, where she mitted on Monday. She ansferred to University al in Cardiff yesterday.

Independence for Cabinda

The independence of Cabinda, the Angolan enclave between Zaire and Congo, was announced in Kampala yesterday by the leader of the Liberation Front of Cabinda. All three Angolan liberation movements insist that the oil-rich enclave is an integral part of Angola. Both Zaire and Congo, however, have declared support for the right of the Cabinda people to decide their future

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Airlift for Admiral's Cup competitor

Mr Kip Lewis, a yachtsman on board one of the three American craft competing in the Admiral's Cup series in the Channel was taken off by helicopter last night after a message had been received that his wife was seriously ill in the United States

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Runaway youngsters

A network of information points for runaway youngsters arriving in London is to be established shortly. If the runaways cannot be persuaded to return home they will be given advice on accommodation, jobs, and dangers

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'Tap' issue points against rise in interest rates

Terms of a £600m long-dated "tap" stock, announced yesterday, were interpreted in the City as implying that the authorities do not want interest rates to rise further. The issue, Treasury 12¾ per cent 1992, is priced at £94.50

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Fewer US workless

United States unemployment in July fell to 8.4 per cent, to 7.8 million, compared with May's record rate of 9.2 per cent and the average rate in the second quarter of the year of 8.9 per cent

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Union officials strike over end of trainee's contract

By Tim Jones
Labour Staff

More than 90 full-time officials of the Association of Scientific, Technical and Managerial Staffs went on strike yesterday in support of a London-based trainee official whose contract has been ended on the ground of unsuitability.

The action, which is almost unprecedented in a trade union, was taken by officials in an effort to have the woman reinstated so that her case can be reviewed.

Miss Judy Cotter, the woman in question, a former official of the National Union of Students, was told on July 10 that she was not being retained after her six-month trial period because she was not considered suitable for the job.

The issue is embarrassing for Mr Clive Jenkins, the union's general secretary, who took ultimate responsibility for the decision.

Mr Jenkins said that the union's trainee scheme included two "break-points" at the end of six months and 12 months. Trade union officials had to be competent and fitted to the difficult and strenuous nature of their jobs.

"In this case it was decided not to continue this trainee for further training on the basis of reports received", he said. "The detailed reasons for this have been published internally and seem quite conclusive on the grounds of suitability."

Miss Cotter had been told she was not being retained after her six-month trial period but that did not amount to a dismissal. "The contract signed by all our trainee officers states clearly that their services will be reviewed after six months", he said.

Mr Alfred Stubbs, chairman of the union's officers' group committee, said yesterday that they found themselves with no alternative but to withdraw their services. Miss Cotter's employment had been terminated "in circumstances which do not allow for the exercising of basic trade union rights and on grounds which the full-time officials cannot accept as being reasonable".

Mr Stubbs rejected a suggestion that there were any other important differences between the full-time officials and their employers, the executive committee.

Neither side in the dispute has been willing to outline the reasons for the action taken against Miss Cotter but, it is understood, they relate to her approach to the job and her attitude to it.

Mr Stubbs said that at no time had Mr Jenkins cast doubt on her ability to do the job. In fact, Miss Cotter has been told of 15 specific complaints against her each one of which, the committee says, can be answered satisfactorily.

The strike decision affects three assistant general secretaries, 10 national officers, about 70 divisional officers, and some employees in special categories.

Lisbon on Socialist agenda

Stockholm, Aug 1. — Dr Soares, the Portuguese Socialist leader, today conferred with Swedish officials in preparation for tomorrow's meeting of West European Socialist leaders. He is expected to be the central figure during the one-day conference at Haga Palace, which will discuss the Portuguese political situation.

Sources said the Socialists, who will include Mr Wilson and Herr Schmidt, the West German Chancellor, intended to impress upon Portugal's military rulers that Dr Soares has powerful and influential friends in Western Europe who would not welcome a communist takeover.

Dr Soares, who arrived in Stockholm yesterday, said the Socialist leaders should make clear to the world what was happening in Portugal. "But we do not wish to subscribe to an anti-communist campaign".

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Valerie fights on

How much greater are life's problems for those like Valerie, growing up, growing older in the isolation of total deafness. Unable to talk with others, unable to share in everyday achievements or social activities — their handicap pursues them relentlessly.

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HOME NEWS

Government lays down clear lines on local authority expenditure

By Christopher Warman
Local Government Correspondent

Local government now knows what limits have been imposed on the growth of local authority spending next year, limits which will mean big cuts in some services.

The final clarification of the guidelines the Government expects local authorities to obey was made at a meeting yesterday of the consultative council, which brings together representatives of the Government's spending departments and the local authority associations.

Although no announcement was made after the meeting, it is clear that the growth of services will be kept in line with the 1½ per cent mentioned by the Chancellor in his Budget speech. Mr Crosland, Secretary of State for the Environment, is to make a statement in the Commons next week.

During the past few weeks local authorities have been increasingly worried at indications that the education service, for example, might be allowed to grow by 2 per cent and that certain social services might increase by 2½ per cent. That would mean other services would have to be cut to keep total growth within the figure of 1½ per cent.

The local authority associations, speaking cautiously after the meeting yesterday implied that education and transport services might be the worst affected next year.

Mr Derek Pickering, finance chairman of the Association of County Councils, said: "The Secretary of State will make it perfectly clear in general terms, and then it will be for the local authority associations to advise their councils on individual services. We do not wish the Government to spell the restrictions out service by service. We are ready to do that."

The Department of the Environment said the local authority associations were striving to help the Government's counter-inflation measures to succeed.

The Government will be issuing circulars soon on the implications for particular fields such as education.

The question of London pay weighting brought a strong protest from the local authority representatives. Sir Robert Thomas, chairman of the Association of Metropolitan Authorities, said they had spoken with one voice on the subject.

"We say it is morally wrong and wildly inconsistent for the Government to pay one group of workers more through a weighting and not another," he said: "We know there is an annual review on London weighting, but that does not necessarily mean there has to be a pay increase."

After Mr Crosland makes his statement next week local authorities will be able to begin shaping their budgets, with advice from their associations.

Councillors rescued: Thirteen Liverpool councillors were rescued by police from angry tenants yesterday after a decision to increase council house rents by an average of £1 a week from Monda (the Press Association reports).

Tenants had blocked the entrance to the municipal building before 30 were allowed in to hear the housing committee's discussion on the increases, which had been approved by the council. After the vote of 13—9, councillors were surrounded by tenants.

Stonehouse personal statement unlikely

By Penny Symon
Political Staff

Mr John Stonehouse, the Labour MP for Walsall, North, is unlikely to be allowed to make a personal statement in the Commons before the summer recess, in spite of his request to the Speaker and Mr Short, Leader of the House.

In the Commons on Thursday, Mr Short was asked whether he had received a specific request from Mr Stonehouse to make the statement. He indicated that he had not. That prompted his questioner, Mr Raphael Tuck, Labour MP for Watford, to send a messenger in a taxi to Brixton prison to collect a specific request from Mr Stonehouse.

Yesterday Mr Tuck asked the Speaker, as he had the request, whether the Leader of the House had made any representations to him. The Speaker replied that the matter would be considered.

Mr Tuck, who has tabled a motion requesting the governor of the prison to bring Mr Stonehouse to the Commons in custody before August 8, said yesterday that he simply wanted Mr Stonehouse to be given a chance to explain his absence. The motion has been signed by eight MPs.

Mr Robin Maxwell-Hyslop, Conservative MP for Tiverton, has tabled an amendment stating that the governor should keep Mr Stonehouse "safely in his custody, in the same manner and condition that he would keep any other person charged with criminal offences, who has been refused bail by the court".

It is likely that the Speaker would examine the text of any statement that Mr Stonehouse might make, to ensure it contained nothing controversial.

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A Chrysler storage plant in Coventry was badly damaged by fire yesterday (above). The company estimated damage and loss at about £7m. Foam rubber stock amounting to £4m was lost.

The single-storey building at Baginton, leased from a trading estate company, also contained a trimming plant and a packing plant for export components. The trimming plant was not badly affected.

Welders had been at work on a heating system. During the fire hundreds of workers left factories near by as there was a danger of explosions. Two of the 150 firemen fighting the outbreak required hospital treatment but were allowed home later.

Chrysler said that packing of export components would be restarted in another Coventry factory. There would be little interruption to exports.

Curb on h hooligans not enou union say

By Diana Geddes

A new law giving greater powers to d hooliganism on buses force yesterday. But union official said that it would be of some a bus crews would coun assaulted while remained mild.

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£100 fine for dog smuggling

From Our Correspondent
St Peter Port

A woman was fined £100 in Guernsey yesterday after she pleaded guilty to importing a dog without the licence necessary under 1946 regulations.

Mrs Barbara Alice le Noury, aged 49, of Grand Bouet, St Peter Port, who committed the offence in March, was told the alternative was four months' imprisonment.

The police said that Mrs le Noury found the dog, a mongrel bitch puppy, while on holiday in Morocco. She returned to the island via St Malo and Jersey. The animal will be destroyed in 15 days if a licence is not issued.

In the past two weeks three French yachtsmen have been fined up to £50 each in Jersey for bringing dogs ashore.

A customs officer said that islanders did not realize how serious it would be if rabies broke out. For example, there would be no more free movement of animals between the islands and Britain.

Advice network for runaways

By Pat Healy
Social Services Correspondent

An information network to help young people arriving in London is likely to be set up shortly after a meeting yesterday of officials from four government departments.

Discussions with London boroughs and voluntary organizations working with homeless young people in the West End will be held over the next few days to decide how the network shall be established.

Officials from the Department of Health and Social Security, the Home Office, the Department of the Environment, and the Department of Education and Science, agreed yesterday that swift action was necessary to avoid more tragedies of the kind disclosed by the Yorkshire Television documentary, *Johnny Go Home*.

At yesterday's meeting it was decided that the first step should be to try to set up information points to give young people and children arriving in London advice on accommodation and jobs. But the officials also hope that many can be persuaded to return home.

An increasing number of the young people arriving in London are under 16, and their parents are legally responsible for ensuring that they go to school. Counsellors are expected to point out to them the dangers of trying to cope alone in London and the possibility of legal trouble for their parents.

The information points are expected to be established at all the main points where youngsters arrive in London. Those include transport cafés on main roads, clubs and discotheques as well as railway and bus termini.

It is also hoped that action may be taken in the areas the children leave: between half and two thirds are believed to come from Scotland and the North of England. The Church of Scotland is discussing with government departments the help they might provide.

The network being considered is also seen as the beginning of an early warning system for the authorities and voluntary agencies.

As it builds up, it is hoped that workers will be able to steer young people away from dubious hostels and alert police to their activities.

Stronger controls on hostels are being considered, but officials at the meeting yesterday pointed out that there were difficulties. Hostels for children under 16 are obliged to register with the local authority, but where children lie about their age controls are difficult to implement.

The results of a three-year research project on the difficulties facing young homeless people in London are expected by the end of the year.

The project, being conducted by Mr David Brandon, a social worker and lecturer at North East London Polytechnic, is expected both to identify the difficulties such youngsters face and point to ways of helping.

Our Political Staff writes: Lord Vivian is to ask the Government in the House of Lords on Monday what steps are being taken to prevent bogus charities from operating. He will also ask whether the Department of Health and Social Security provided about £1,000 for boys to be housed in hostels presided over by Mr Roger Gleaves and whether the department had previously inquired into the character of Mr Gleaves.

Poulson ma loses award

Alfred John Merrit of Grangewood Co Park, Leeds, who Crown Court last Dec fined £2,900 and seme months' imprisonm pended for two accepting gifts or tions from John Pr architect, has had hi ment as a Companio Imperial Service Or celled.

A notice in las *London Gazette* says appointment, dated J 1966, is cancelled and his name erased register of the order.

Challenger stuck in pip

Mr Leslie Hadfield out to prove that a ma ing a record for stay alive was cheating, rescued by firemen fr tilation pipe at Belle ground, Manchester.

Mr Hadfield, of got stuck in the pipe believed Mr Michae ("Blondini") who underground 73 day surface at night.

NCB to advance cash for earth tremor damage

From Our Correspondent
Stoke-on-Trent

The National Coal Board said yesterday it is to make immediate funds available to meet the cost of repairing houses damaged by the recent earth tremors in Stoke-on-Trent. But Mr Ray Hunter, area director, said the board did not admit responsibility for causing the damage. It was making an interest-free loan to whoever would eventually foot the bill.

The money will be used only on houses where the occupiers are suffering special hardship and are unable to pay for the damage caused.

Three years' jail for theft of holiday-home deposits

A man accused of cheating Spanish holiday-home investors of £28,000 was sentenced at the Central Criminal Court yesterday to three years' imprisonment. He was acquitted of 10 of the 18 theft charges against him, but was convicted of the other eight which involved a total of £10,355.

William George Ivatt Wright, aged 36, of Godolphin Road, Shepherd's Bush, London, was sentenced to three years' imprisonment concurrently on each charge. He was cleared of a charge of procuring the execution of a mortgage deed by deception. He denied all the charges.

Mr Mervyn Dennison, QC, for the prosecution, said Mr Wright was chairman and managing director of Northrite Limited, which was the English agent of Cala Tirant Development Group, a Spanish company.

Mr Wright advertised villas and apartments for sale in Minorca. Potential investors were offered inspection flights to see the properties.

Several paid deposits and some paid further amounts for the dollar premium, money payable to the Government for foreign investment. The Crown said Mr Wright kept the money.

Ministry survey shows food production is shrinking

By Hugh Clayton
Agricultural Correspondent

Evidence of further cuts in the output of home-produced foods came from the Ministry of Agriculture yesterday in its *June survey of farms in England and Wales*. It showed that in the previous 12 months the acreage under cereals fell by 2½ per cent, while the area left fallow more than doubled to 331,000 acres.

Six out of every hundred acres producing early potatoes in June last year had been lost 12 months later, and four out of every hundred producing maincrop varieties. The cattle breeding herd was 3 per cent lower and the dairy herd was down by just over 3½ per cent. There was a very slight rise in numbers of beef animals, but calves and breeding pigs fell by about a tenth.

The National Farmers' Union said yesterday that 115 of the 6,000 milk producers in the West Midlands left dairying last month.

Mr George Johnson, county secretary of the union based in Hereford, said: "These were not insignificant producers. They were supplying a total of 5,500 gallons of milk a day. Some of their cows will still give milk elsewhere, but the sad truth is that many animals will have joined the long queue at the slaughterhouses."

Colonel Douglas Sansom, chairman of Quality Milk Producers, marketing organization for Channel Island (Gold Top) milk, said that the milk would be "virtually on ration" this year. Unless the Government allowed a further price rise on Gold Top many farmers would stop producing it.

Mr Reginald Bottini, general secretary of the National Union of Agricultural and Allied Workers, said the needs of the farming industry should take precedence over the Government's desire to keep down food prices.

"The consumer will lose in the long run if our farmers and growers cut production, as is already happening in some cases.

Ministry officials said yesterday that the survey figures did not prejudice the Government's plans to expand agricultural output in the next five years. Production of poultry, eggs, sheep and pigs should improve next year.

Robertson Foods announced yesterday that its marmalade will soon cost 2p a pound less, and jam about 1½p less. Although wage and packaging costs had risen sugar was cheaper.

Reluctant queen

Queen Elizabeth t Mother will be 75 o The abdication of Ed placed her unexpecte throne as consort to h brother, George VI. *The Sunday Times* examines the turning her life, with picture royal album.

Proxy bomb theory in pop group murders

From Stewart Tendler
Belfast

Ulster police were interviewing two men last night in connexion with the murder of three Irish pop musicians in an ambush near Newry, co Down, early on Thursday. Several other people are also understood to have been questioned about the attack, in which two Ulster Volunteer Force members were killed by their own bomb.

Detectives of an RUC squad formed in June to combat sectarian murders are conducting the interviews.

It is thought the ambush of the Miami Showband as the group was returning to Dublin may have been an attempt to place a proxy bomb in their van. The group would have been forced to cross the border before it exploded. That could have been a means of discrediting the group by claiming they were carrying bombs for the IRA.

But the 10lb bomb appears to have exploded as the two men were placing it, and the other ambushers then opened fire on the musicians.

The two UVF men, Mr Harry Boyle of Portadown, co Armagh, and Mr Wesley Sommerville, of Dungannon, co Tyrone, will be buried today. Yesterday the UVF, a Protestant paramilitary group, said they would receive full military honours. Mr Boyle was a "major", and Mr Sommerville a "lieutenant" in the organization.

Mr Sommerville was charged and acquitted last year in connexion with an attack on a Roman Catholic housing estate in Coalisland, co Tyrone. Mr Boyle had a clear record apart from a conviction for disorderly behaviour in 1973.

The UVF has lost six members in the past five months in incidents, most of which involved the premature explosion of their own bombs.

It has often clashed with the larger Ulster Defence Association, but yesterday death notices for the two men were placed in a Belfast evening paper on behalf of UDA units in the area where they lived, and UDA men in Magilligan Prison.

Two of the murdered musicians will be buried today and the third will be buried on Monday. Mr Stephen Travers who survived the attack, is still seriously ill in Daisy Hill Hospital, Newry, with stomach and chest wounds.

Meetings are to be held on both sides of the border to examine the future of tours by bands in Northern Ireland and the Republic.

Mr Rees, the Secretary of State, yesterday released four more republican detainees from the Maze Prison at Long Kesh. On Wednesday he freed three. There are 237 detainees left in Long Kesh and Mr Rees has said he hopes to free them all by Christmas.

Minister cleared: Allegations of cheque-passing made against Mr James Tully, Minister of Local Government in the Irish Republic, were unjustified, a tribunal ruled last night (the Press Association reports).

Mr Tully was accused in the Dail last month of having a business connexion with a building contractor. The charges were later withdrawn.

Father and son fined for stealing their own van

From Our Correspondent
Gloucester

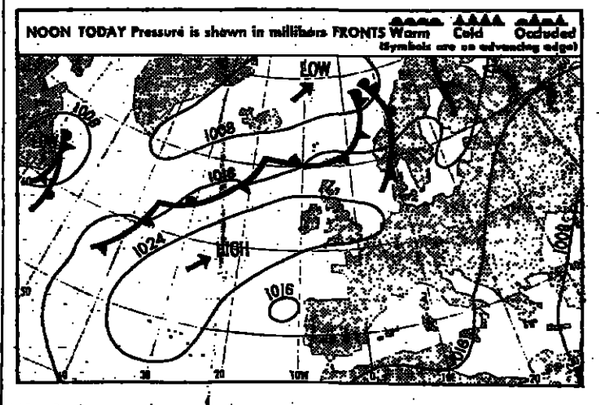
A father and son were convicted yesterday of stealing their own van. Edward Lee, aged 44, and his son, also named Edward, aged 19, both market traders of Brook Street, Erith, Kent, denied stealing the van from a Gloucester garage where they had taken it for repairs. But each was fined £25.

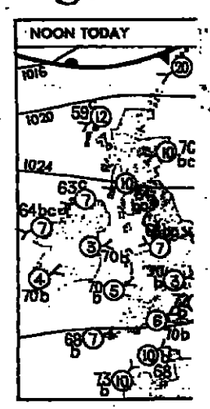
Mr Roger Fry, for the prosecution, said at Gloucester Magistrates' Court that the unusual case arose when the Lees' van broke down and they took it to one of Gloucester's largest garages.

When they went to collect it they were told it would cost £95, but they refused to pay because they maintained it was under warranty, Mr Fry said. The manager told them they could not have the vehicle until they paid, but, as he spoke, the younger Lee was driving it away. The police were informed and the pair were later charged.

Mr John Godfrey, for the defence, submitted that because the vehicle was their own, they could not have committed theft. It was a civil matter and not a criminal one.

Weather forecast and recordings





Today

Sun rises: 5.25 am. Sun sets: 8.48 pm
Moon rises: 12.16 am. Moon sets: 4.28 pm
New Moon: August 7.
Lighting up: 9.18 pm to 4.56 am.
High water: London Bridge, 9.11 am, 5.6m (18.5ft); 9.33 pm, 5.5m (18.1ft). Avonmouth, 2.2 am, 9.9m (32.5ft); 2.40 pm, 10.0m (32.9ft). Dover, 6.46 am, 5.1m (16.7ft); 7.19 pm, 5.2m (17.1ft). Hull, 1.27 am, 5.6m (18.4ft); 1.53 pm, 5.6m (18.5ft). Liverpool, 6.43 am, 7.3m (24.0ft); 7.21 pm, 7.3m (23.9ft).

Tomorrow

Sun rises: 5.26 am. Sun sets: 8.46 pm
Moon rises: 1.0 am. Moon sets: 5.26 pm
New Moon: August 7.
Lighting up: 9.16 pm to 4.58 am.
High water: London Bridge, 10.20 am, 5.6m (18.3ft); 10.48 pm, 5.6m (18.4ft). Avonmouth, 3.24 am, 10.0m (32.7ft); 4.4 pm, 10.4m (34.0ft). Dover, 8.6 am, 5.2m (17.0ft); 8.36 pm, 5.3m (17.5ft). Hull, 2.46 am, 5.7m (18.6ft); 3.21 pm, 5.7m (18.8ft). Liverpool, 7.59 am, 7.4m (24.3ft); 8.37 pm, 7.6m (24.9ft).

A belt of high pressure extending across Ireland and N England to the S North Sea will persist.

Forecasts for 6 am to midnight

London, central S, SW England, Midlands. Long sunny periods after some fog patches at first; wind NE veering E, light; max temp 29°C (84°F).

SE, E England, East Anglia, Channel Islands: Some fog patches mostly near coast but mostly dry and sunny; wind E, light or moderate; max temp 25°C (77°F).

Wales, NW, central N England: Dry with long sunny periods after some mist patches at first; wind NE or variable, light; max temp 24°C (75°F).

Outlook for tomorrow and Monday: Dry and very warm with sunny spells in most areas but rather cloudy and cooler in N and W Scotland with some rain in places.

Sea passages: S North Sea: Wind NE light or moderate; sea smooth or slight.

Strait of Dover, English Channel (E): Wind NE moderate or fresh; sea slight or moderate.

St George's Channe moderate; sea slight.
Irish Sea: Wind S moderate; sea smooth

Yesterday

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24 hours to 6 pm A

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Clacton	7.1	—	21
Margate	4.9	—	18
S COAST			
Hastings	4.3	—	20
Eastbourne	8.8	.20	19
Brighton	10.9	.17	20
Worthing	11.1	—	20
Bognor R.	10.1	—	20
Southsea	10.5	—	20
Bournemouth	9.9	—	20
Penzance	10.6	—	20
Torquay	10.7	—	21
W COAST			
Minehead	11.6	—	20
Blackpool	10.5	—	19
Morecambe	7.6	—	19
Newquay	10.0	—	21

Overseas selling prices

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Bombs trial defendant denies he is IRA man

A denial that he is an IRA member was made by a defendant in the Birmingham bombs trial at Lancaster yesterday. Mr Harry Skinner, QC, for the prosecution, cross-examining Michael Sheehan, aged 48, said: "The truth is you are a member of the IRA and a link man". Sheehan said he was not.

Mr Skinner suggested to him that he recruited James Kelly (another defendant) to the IRA. Mr Sheehan replied: "I did not."

He said he was involved in taking a bag to Mr Kelly's house which he thought contained stolen goods.

Mr Sheehan was asked about a clock, said to be a raffle prize, that he showed to friends at a dance. He agreed it had been remarked that it had a silent tick. When Mr Skinner suggested that caused laughter because the clock was intended for a bomb, Mr Sheehan answered: "Definitely not."

The defence evidence concluded and the trial was adjourned until Monday.

Nine Irishmen living in Birmingham plead not guilty to conspiracy to cause explosions in the Midlands and six of them plead not guilty to murder, the charges arising from 21 deaths at two Birmingham public houses on November 21 last.

Airport men to fight £6 wage rise limit

A meeting of 250 British Airways shop stewards representing 11,000 engineers and maintenance men voted yesterday to go ahead with a campaign against the Government's £6 a week limit on wage rises.

After the meeting, which was attended by men from Heathrow and from all the British Airways out stations, Mr Frederick Gore, senior shop steward, said: "We have decided to go against the £6 limit because of the way British Airways interpret the White Paper. We have had a claim for more money over job delegation since February and after reading the White Paper the Airline has turned round and told us that it just can't go through."

Soldier dies in parachute mishap

Holidaymakers at Grouville Bay, Jersey, saw a young soldier drown yesterday as his parachute, being towed by a Land-Rover, was blown into the sea by a gust of wind. The soldier was preparing to entertain holidaymakers with a display of parakiting when the accident happened.

His parachute was attached to a 100ft line and being pulled into the air by the vehicle. The soldier was dead before helpers reached him.

Explosion at laboratory

An explosion occurred in the chemistry laboratory at Brunel University, Uxbridge, Middlesex, yesterday minutes after research workers had left the building for lunch. About two dozen windows were smashed, doors were blown open and equipment damaged.

A university spokesman said that although most students had left for the summer, research was still going on in the laboratories. "Only one person was injured with minor cuts on an arm."

Police call for help over stabbing of girl in train

Scotland Yard yesterday appealed for help in finding a "maniac" who stabbed a girl four times on a London suburban train on Thursday afternoon.

Wendy Hall, aged 17, of Gorringe Park Avenue, Mitcham, Surrey, who was stabbed in the neck, the back, under the heart, and in a lung, was said yesterday at St George's Hospital, Balham, to be conscious in the intensive care unit. Her condition was improving.

Miss Hall, a bank clerk in the City, left work early because she felt unwell. She caught the 16.09 train to Sutton at Holborn. At Tulse Hill her attacker entered the compartment, stabbed her and demanded money. She gave him £1.

At Tooting Junction the man ordered her off the train, and she raised the alarm.

The attacker is described as about 5ft 10in tall with light blonde hair. His right had was bandaged. The police said he forced his fingers into the girl's mouth and she bit him.

Case brought over film 'misconceived'

A private prosecution brought against Lord Harlech, president of the British Board of Film Censors, and Mr Stephen Murphy, the board's secretary, was entirely misconceived, defence counsel stated at Bow Street Magistrates' Court yesterday.

The prosecution was started by Mr Raymond Blackburn, a campaigner against pornography, over the showing of the film *The Language of Love*.

The magistrate, Mr Kenneth Barraclough, adjourned until August 19 a decision whether he should commit the accused for trial at the Central Criminal Court.

Classic Cinemas Ltd is accused of scandalously showing the film, which allegedly depicts grossly indecent performances to the outrage of public decency. Lord Harlech and Mr Murphy are accused of aiding and abetting.

Mr David Eady, for Mr Blackburn, argued that the board certificate signed by the two was just as much aiding and abetting as it would be if the two defendants were in the projection room egging on the projectionist.

Mr Murray Stewart-Smith, QC, for Classic Cinemas, said it was estimated that more than 1,500,000 people had seen the film in Britain and no complaints had been received about it from any member of the public other than Mr Blackburn.

Mr Jeremy Hutchinson, QC, for Lord Harlech and Mr Murphy, said the prosecution against his clients was entirely misconceived. "They did not participate in the showing of the film, which was the essential basis of the criminal offence of aiding and abetting. They did not sanction it", he said.

WEATHER REPORTS YESTERDAY MIDDAY: c, cloud; d, drizzle; f, fair; r, rain; s, sun; th, thunder.

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Algiers	f	33	90	Cologne	c	25	73	Locarno	s	31	88
Amsterdam	s	22	72	Copenhgn	r	18	64	London	s	21	70
Athens	f	31	88	Dublin	r	17	63	Luxembrg	s	24	75
Barcelona	s	30	86	Edinburgh	r	20	68	Madrid	s	31	88
Beirut	s	32	90	Florence	s	31	88	Majorca	s	31	88
Belfast	r	20	68	Geneva	r	27	81	Malaga	s	31	88
Berlin	r	25	77	Gibraltar	s	25	77	Malta	s	31	88
Bermuda	c	28	82	Guernsey	r	16	61	Manchestr	r	20	68
Biarritz	c	23	73	Helsinki	s	23	73	Miami	c	32	90
Birmingham	r	19	66	Innsbruck	r	23	77	Montreal	s	27	81
Bristol	s	20	68	Istanbul	s	29	84	Moscow	s	24	75
Brussels	s	25	77	Jersey	s	25	77	Munich	s	24	75
Budapest	th	29	84	L Palmas	s	24	75	Naples	s	28	82
Cardiff	s	20	68	Lisbon	s	34	93	New York	c	32	89
Chicago	f	32	90								

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Nice	s	26
Nicosia	s	35
Oslo	r	21
Paris	s	31
Reykjavik	d	12
Rome	s	30
Salzburg	s	27
Stockholm	s	17
Tel Aviv	s	32
Toronto	s	27
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Warsaw	s	25
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HOME NEWS

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For anyone unlucky enough to meet a Greek god, it is no good asking to see his panhellenic union card

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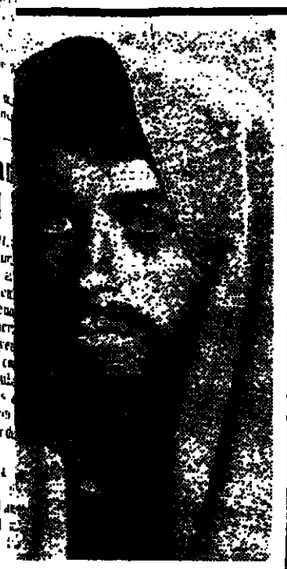
… Gods, goddesses and allied …ades occupied the Classical …ongress, at Oxford, yesterday, …th divinely revealing results. …ur average pagan god of …iquity was a questionable …aracter; about some of his …pinsyncrasies, such as destruc…reness, childish vanity, or …omiscuity, there could be no …uestion at all. Dr Christiane …ourvino-Inwood, of Oxford, …monstrated that the personal… of a deity is not necessarily …e same all over the Greek …orld. From this she deduced …e methodological principle …at the study of divine person…ities must be based on indi…dual cult units, not on pan…llenic surveys.

As her test case she took the …le of Persephone and Aphro…te at Locri. Persephone as …orshipped at Locri emerges as …ncerned not with death and …e underworld, her usual speci…ities, but with life. More specifically, she appears to have been the protectress of marriage, concerned with young girls and their pursuits and the protection of children. In other words, at Locri, Persephone was usurping the role that Hera normally played in other cities.

Aphrodite was doing her usual stuff as goddess of love and was associated with Persephone in the Locrian cult, as love and marriage traditionally go together like a horse and carriage. The moral is that if you are unlucky enough to meet a Greek deity, it is no good asking to see his or her panhellenic union card. He may be a blackleg, or a non-union member; the only way to decode the profile of his personality is to examine his attributes and activities in his local cult.

Roman religion was a paradoxical mixture of legalistic conservatism and continuous innovation. In particular, new cults and ceremonies were continually imported from all over the world and adapted to the state cult. Rome kept open house for alien gods, just as it did for immigrant citizens. Some historians explain that enthusiasm for new gods as a panic response to successive crises, or as a repeated confession of aridity and failure in the national religion, or both.

Dr John North, of University College London, argued that such explanations underestimate the Romans' deep-rooted openness to foreign influences at all periods. They also involve distorting value judgments on Roman religious behaviour as a whole. Historians should try to see how the system works in a living society instead of being obsessed with what was wrong with it or why it declined. Conservative ritual, the niceties of sacerdotal etiquette, punctiliousness over the entrails and constant innovation are basic characteristics of Roman religion, not phases in its change, decay, and replacement by Christianity.



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… Michael … Shooting of the six one-hour …who … episodes starts next month and …ound 75 days … will take about six months to …at night … complete. The series is a co-…oduction by ATV and RAI, …e Italian state television com…ny, and should be seen in …ritain around Christmas next …ar.

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… Sir Lew Grade, chairman of …TV, said yesterday that there …d been many months of dili…nt searching before they …ose Mr Powell. A boy aged …out 12 or 13 is needed to play …e young Jesus.

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Others in the cast include …ter O'Toole, who will play …ohn the Baptist and Lord …livier, whose role has not been …pecified.

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Canadian jailed for plot to murder trial witness

A wealthy Canadian who plotted to murder a man he believed might give evidence against him was sentenced to eight years' imprisonment at the Central Criminal Court yesterday.

Ronald St Germain, aged 31, of Laval Sur le Lac, Quebec, is at present serving a seven-year sentence in Britain for fraud. The eight-year sentence will follow consecutively. He had been found guilty of conspiring to murder Mr Frank Brockley, a witness, between November, 1973, and September last year.

Mr St Germain was also found guilty of plotting to attempt to pervert justice by fabricating false evidence and guilty of conspiring with others to indemnify bail.

George Duchart, aged 36, a lawyer, of Toronto, who had denied plotting with him to pervert justice, was found not guilty by the jury, discharged and awarded the costs of his trial. Mr Duchart was earlier found not guilty, on the judge's direction, of conspiracy to murder.

David Stuart, aged 28, yacht master, of Hammersmith, London, was found guilty on the murder plot charge with Mr St Germain and sentenced to six years' imprisonment. He was found not guilty by direction on the charge of plotting to fabricate false evidence.

Mr Justice Mars-Jones told Det Supt Frederick Luff, officer in charge of the case, that he wanted publicly to commend the police team.

The court had been told that Mr St Germain recruited Mr Stuart while they were in Brixton prison, where Mr St Germain was on remand in the fraud case.

Mr Brockley, aged 47, a company director, was to be lured into a car and killed with an axe. His dismembered body was to be thrown down a lonely well. But another man in the plot told the police and on their instructions he wore a hidden device which led them to Mr Stuart before the axe could be used.

Charges against journalist are dropped

All 47 charges against Thomas Bryant, a freelance crime reporter, were dropped when he appeared at Wells Street Court, London, yesterday. Mrs Audrey Frisby, the magistrate, said at the end of a four-day hearing that there was insufficient evidence to commit *him* for trial.

Mr Bryant, aged 49, of Copse Glade, Woodlands, Surbiton, faced charges of dishonestly handling parts of the *Police Gazette*, confidential police information and police photographs and inducing a Metropolitan police officer to commit a breach of discipline. Reporting restrictions were lifted.

Mrs Frisby said that if it was in her power she would like Mr Bryant to be compensated out of public funds for expenses he incurred before he was granted legal aid.

Giving her decision, she said: "It is not for me to judge the rights or wrongs, but merely the law." Mr Bryant remarked: "I represent the freedom of the press."

In brief

Man accused of murder attempt

Albert Messhen, alias Thomasson, aged 30, unemployed, a Frenchman of no fixed address, was yesterday remanded in custody for seven days at Marylebone Magistrates' Court charged with the attempted murder on Tuesday of Detective Insp Derek Croft at the Holiday Inn, George Street, Marylebone.

Mr Messhen is also accused of having a Sten gun, a Browning automatic and a revolver without firearms certificates and other firearms offences.

Women again remanded

Maria de Romero, aged 38, a Colombian student, of Coleherne Road, Chelsea, appeared again at Marylebone Magistrates' Court yesterday on a charge of uttering a forged Ecuadorian passport and was remanded in custody until next Friday.

Later, a second woman, Maria Otaola Baranca, aged 23, was remanded to Holloway prison until next Friday charged with having a Browning and a Mauser pistol and ammunition at her home in Hereford Road, Bayswater.

Hospital patients cost more

The cost of treating patients in National Health Service hospitals rose by about a fifth in the year ended March, 1974, government statistics published yesterday stated.

It cost £104.78 a week on average to keep a patient in an acute hospital, and £153.03 for a London teaching hospital. Costs for each patient treated rose by 16 per cent. That was attributed to the continuing trend to keep people in hospital for shorter stays.

Strike eased

Ambulancemen at Hull called off their two day strike yesterday for a partial return to work on accidents and emergency calls while management and union officials resumed talks on the shift work pay dispute affecting three men at the Hessle depot.

WEST EUROPE

French wine protest hits holiday traffic

From Richard Wigg
Paris, Aug 1

Angry winegrowers in Southern France disrupted holiday traffic overnight by painting out road signs.

One of their leaders, M Achille Gauch, explained: "We have sealed off the Languedoc from Europe, at whose hands we have only suffered." Many motorists lost their way and had to spend the night on roads where they were.

The winegrowers are waging an essentially psychological campaign to obtain, through mobilizing public opinion, further aid from the French Government or the EEC before next autumn's overabundant wine harvest.

Potentially the most serious incident last night came when a TNT charge exploded on the railway line at Béziers, blowing up an electricity transmission pylon. All trains for Montpellier and LN Arbonne were halted at Nimes until this morning when repairs were completed.

While calm returned to most of the region today, winegrowers round Carcassonne launched their own "Operation Snail" independent of last night's centrally coordinated campaign. They set up road blocks and tried to stop trains.

The winegrowers in the Languedoc began last night by distributing leaflets explaining their grievances to motorists driving south at the start of France's great August holiday migration.

They offered the motorists bottles of wine at the prices they receive—one franc a litre—in order to emphasize the contrast with the prices consumers pay in the shops.

As darkness approached the winegrowers started to block traffic by putting piles of rubbish, building material or burnt tyres on main roads. Police moved in to remove obstructions, though not before some lengthy traffic jams had built up. No demonstrators were arrested.

At a toll station on the motorway between Montpellier and Béziers the winegrowers seized the entrances and let motorists through free. Small groups had earlier slipped away from central rallying points, armed with brushes and pots of black and brown paint, to obliterate the road signs systematically.

Today as the holiday exodus built up, traffic hold-ups were reported along more than half the entire length of the main route from Tours to the Spanish border.



Mr Callaghan, the Foreign Secretary, in discussion with President Ford on the floor of the conference hall in Helsinki yesterday.

Promises at Helsinki 'not enough'

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it is important that you recognize the deep devotion of the American people and their Government to human rights and fundamental freedoms and thus to the pledges that this conference has made regarding the freer movement of people, ideas and information."

Mr Ford concluded by asking if they could truly speak of peace and security without arresting the spread of nuclear weapons in the world or the creation of more sophisticated forms of warfare.

"If the Soviet Union and the United States can reach agreement so that our astronauts can fit together the most intricate scientific equipment, work together, and shake hands 137 miles out in space, we as statesmen have an obligation to do as well on Earth.

"History will judge this conference not by what we say today, but what we do tomorrow—not by the promises we make but by the promises we keep."

The other main event today was the arrival of President Costa Gomes of Portugal, who was left in no doubt in a series of private meetings of the deep concern felt by Western leaders about the political situation in Portugal.

Mr Wilson, whose talk with him was described as "brutally frank, but polite", told him that the British Government and people were gravely disturbed at developments in Portugal.

The Prime Minister said that Britain was not concerned about which party was in power in Portugal, only that it should reflect the voice of the majority of the people. He inquired in particular whether the party which had won a majority of votes would be allowed to form a government.

President Costa Gomes replied that people outside looked at Portugal with a distorted view. He wanted to establish what he termed a socialist system of plurality in Portugal. The party which won an election, he added, would be asked to form a government, but certain posts would be reserved for the Armed Forces Movement.

The President made no mention of current events in Portugal in his conference speech beyond starting that the new path followed by Portugal had made possible for his country a true integration in the spirit of cooperation of the security conference. Previously, Portuguese participation in its activities had been "ambiguous", he said, due to Portugal's political isolation.

President Ceausescu of Romania said that the agreements on advance notification of military manoeuvres were insufficient. So were the arrangements for following up the conference. Romania wanted a permanent body to ensure continuing consultations.

He emphasized that "we should not harbour the illusion that we acn now stay still and feel safe. He called for the "transformation of the Balkans into a zone of cooperation and peace".

Helsinki, Aug 1.—Malta warned the United States and the Soviet Union of the danger they faced in the Mediterranean. This was the one region in the world where the super powers boasted the biggest array of deadly armaments, Mr Anton Buttigieg, Deputy Prime Minister, told the conference.

Security forces on duty at the conference killed a man last night, coast guard sources said today. The unidentified man died when his motorboat was blown up by a warning flare fired by a coast guard launch.

The fibreglass boat was destroyed and police found the charred body of a man.—Reuter.

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Italy adopts German colour TV system

From Our Correspondent
Rome, Aug 1

The Rome Government today at last opened the way for the introduction of colour television in Italy by choosing the West German Pal system in preference to its French rival, Secam.

The decision, made today by the Inter-ministerial Economic Planning Committee (CIPE), brought to an end 10 years of indecision, delay and sometimes deeply controversial debate, which left Italy far behind most of West Europe in the introduction of colour transmissions.

An official committee of experts recommended Pal last April, but it has taken the Government until now to make its formal decision. The committee also was due to set a date for the beginning of colour transmissions today but this decision was postponed. The committee did specify that the date—likely to be sometime next year—should be established by September 30.

During the long debate on the subject, both France and West Germany exerted powerful economic and political pressure in favour of their systems, and Italy was torn between the two.

The Republican Party, which forms the coalition Government with the Christian Democrats, for long opposed the introduction of colour television because it felt the country could not afford it in the present difficult economic situation.

But Signor Bucalossi, the Republican Public Works Minister, said today that his party had finally agreed because of the uplift colour would give to the faltering television and electronics industry in Italy.

Equal pay fight by men starts beer shortages

Copenhagen, Aug 1.—Fears that Denmark may soon face a serious beer shortage mounted today as unrest continued at the two largest breweries where male workers are fighting for equal pay with female colleagues on the tap line.

After many hold-ups in the past two weeks, distribution from the United Breweries (Carlsberg and Tuborg) stopped again this morning. It will not be resumed until Monday at the earliest.

Priest injured in police custody leaves hospital

From Harry Debelius
Madrid, Aug 1

Doctors in Bilbao today authorized a Basque priest to leave hospital, three months after he was admitted with near-fatal injuries sustained while in police custody.

The priest, Father Eustacio Erquicia, was taken into police custody on May 8. One day later, after assisting police in their inquiries, he was taken from the Bilbao police headquarters to a local hospital in critical condition, suffering from a ruptured spleen, concussion, kidney damage, a torn colon and other injuries.

On May 26, police issued a note alleging that Father Erquicia and five other Roman Catholic priests were members of the outlawed extremist organization ETA. On July 25 police freed him without charges. The priest did not leave the hospital then because of his condition, but an armed police guard was removed on that date.

The 31-year-old priest runs a school of Basque language and history in Bilbao. He was taken into custody one day after the ETA shot dead a member of the politic police.

In Madrid today, police continued their search for more members of the ETA after shooting dead one suspected man in a massive sweep involving four separate shooting incidents in the capital on Wednesday.

New snags over composition of Lisbon Cabinet

Lisbon, Aug 1.—General Goncalves, the Prime Minister, held more talks today on the shape of his new "Government of popular unity" amid signs that he was still finding it difficult to fill key posts.

President Costa Gomes had said last night that the new Cabinet had been formed and would be named tomorrow. But sources said today that at least three men had refused the foreign portfolio.

General Goncalves talked early today with General Otelo Saraiva de Carvalho, the head of the Copcon security force, and a member of the ruling three-man junta.

General Carvalho, expected to become Deputy Prime Minister, is believed to have strong feelings about the composition of the new ministerial team.

The weekly publication *O Jornal* said today that the main obstacle to General Goncalves's efforts to fill his new Cabinet had been the refusal by independent leftists to serve in a government that did not even have a programme. *O Jornal* wondered how long a new team of Communists, leftist officers and non-aligned Marxists could survive.—Reuter.

Spanish Cortes extended for four months

Madrid, Aug 1.—General Franco today extended the life of the present Cortes (Parliament) for four months until March 15.

A decree said the extension was required to complete pending legislation and to give political associations time to contest elections for the next Cortes.

The decision is a defeat for Señor Carlos Arias Navarro, the Prime Minister, who said earlier this year he saw no reason to extend the present legislature. It is dominated by opponents of his policy of gradual liberalization.—Reuter.

200 homosexuals are arrested

St Tropez, Aug 1.—Police jumped ashore from boats and arrested 200 homosexuals in a raid on the popular Pampelonne beach here yesterday.

Many foreigners were among those detained at the beach, a favourite meeting point for homosexuals, police said today. All the homosexuals were released after questioning, though a few were issued with summonses for immoral conduct.

Unions want doomed Navy …ase to be training centre

…rom Our Correspondent
…unfermline

Trade union leaders at Rosyth …nd the Firth of Forth, per…rbed that the Government is …nsidering the closure of HMS …aledonia training centre early … 1977 instead of 1982, held …mergency meetings yesterday.

They decided to press the …overnment to convert the …tablishment, which houses 600 …avy personnel and employs 175 …ivilians, into a training centre …r the growing number of out…f-work youngsters in Scotland.

A spokesman at Maritime …eadquarters, Pitreavie, Dun…rmline, said: "No firm deci…ion has been taken, but because …f the Defence Review we are …onsidering transferring the …asks of the Caledonia to …ngland by early 1977. It is too …arly to say how many civilians …ay be redundant."

The union proposal received …upport from Mr Adam Hunter, …P for Dunfermline, who is to …ek a meeting with Mr Judd, …nder Secretary for Defence …r the Navy, in London on Mon…ay.

A year after the Government spent £2m on new accommodation and amenities at HMS Caledonia, it announced in 1970 that it intended to transfer all naval training to HMS Fisgard, Plymouth, and HMS Sultan at Gosport in the late 70s. Scottish MPs persuaded the Government to delay the move until 1982.

Mr Hunter said yesterday: "I am truly shocked. The closure of the Caledonia will have a serious effect on the economy of the area."

The convener of the shop stewards at the establishment, which trains navy technicians, Mr Dick Morley, said: "We have decided to resist the removal of any of the machinery from the factory workshops."

Mr James Macintyre, a full-time official of the Transport and General Workers' Union, said: "This is one of the best equipped training establishments in the country with a large number of civilian instructors. Such an asset must not be lost to Scotland. It could easily house 1,000 youngsters under training."

British Airways facing loss of £10m

By Arthur Reed
Air Correspondent

The loss by British Airways for the past financial year 1974-75 will probably be £10m when its figures are reported at the end of this month, Mr Clinton Davis, Under-Secretary of State for Trade, disclosed in the Commons yesterday.

He was replying, during a debate on the Consolidated Fund Bill, to demands that the Government should allow Laker Airways to go ahead with its cheap-fare Skytrain transatlantic service. Mr Shore, Secretary of State for Trade, had announced earlier in the week that Skytrain could not start in the economic conditions prevailing on the north Atlantic for a considerable time ahead.

Trans World Airlines had announced losses on the route for the first five months of this year of $110m (about £52m) and Pan American's losses were $50.8m (about £24m).

Mr Davis said Laker Airways had assumed it would be able to start Skytrain in April, 1976, but it had no basis for that conclusion. He did not doubt that the project would be profitable for a short period. Laker's most optimistic forecasts depended upon enjoying a monopoly but they would inevitably have to compete with at least one United States carrier flying the same service.

The introduction of Skytrain would make it difficult to persuade United States airlines to continue to restrict capacity. "We are prepared to give Laker the fullest support in the development of the United States charter market", Mr Davis said.

Introducing the debate, Mr Kenneth Warren, Conservative MP for Hastings, said that Laker had invested, with the authority of the Government, some £7m (about £3m) in the Skytrain project.

Mr Norman Tebbit, Conservative MP for Waltham Forest, Chingford, said it had been suggested that the suppression of Skytrain was part of a deal with the United States authorities over Concorde. "The suspicion has been that the British Government was not strong enough to get all the Treasury Bench supporters in the House of Commons to support [illegible]

Left-wing alliance taking over in Italian towns

From Our Correspondent
Milan, Aug 1

With the election in Milan last night of a Socialist mayor, Signor Aldo Aniasi, by a Socialist-Communist majority, all the big towns of Italy's industrial north will have a left-wing administration.

After the June 15 local elections had left the Communists and Socialists with a majority in the Milan City Council, but without enough seats to elect a mayor, the Socialists decided to support the Communist candidate, Signor Aniasi, in the hope of forming a left-wing administration.

Mr Aniasi was elected on the first ballot with 81 votes, the exact number of votes held by the Communist and Socialist councillors.

Similar left-wing alliances have been formed in Florence, Bologna and Perugia, where Communist mayors were elected in Genoa, Turin and Piacenza.

An agreement has been reached between Communists and Socialists to have a Communist mayor elected also in Venice when the new council meets there next June.

All these [illegible]



OVERSEAS

Cabinda announces independence in defiance of Angolan intent to hold on to the oil-rich enclave

From Charles Harrison
Nairobi, Aug 1

Mr Luis Ranque Franque, the president of the Liberation Front of Cabinda, announced in Kampala today that the oil-rich Cabinda enclave was now independent.

It is not clear how effective such a decision can be, as the three Angolan liberation groups continue to insist that Cabinda is an integral part of Angola with which, however, it has no common border. There is also a split in the leadership of the Cabinda front.

It is significant, however, that both Zaire and Congo, which border on Cabinda, have said that they support the right of the people of the enclave to decide their own future.

The summit conference of the Organization of African Unity has shown considerable interest in the Angolan question, culminating in the decision to send a commission to mediate between the three rival liberation movements.

Only one of the three movements, Unita, had responded to the OAU's earlier invitation to their leaders to attend the Kampala meeting. The conciliation commission is to report to the OAU defence commission on the need to send a peacekeeping force to Angola, although few of the delegates in Kampala now think this will materialize.

The 46 heads of state or their representatives have appealed to the liberation movements to stop fighting. But the idea of a



peacekeeping force has not been supported by the Angolan groups, despite the strong arguments from some of the OAU delegates.

Michael Knipe writes from Lisbon: A high-level Portuguese military delegation flew to Angola today in an attempt to bring the situation there under control.

The delegation consisted of General Carlos Fabiao, commander in chief of the Army, Vice-Admiral Rosa Coutinho, former High Commissioner in Angola, and Major Canto e Castro.

General Fagiao, a leading moderate in the Armed Forces Movement, was Governor of Portuguese Guinea just before the territory's independence. Admiral Coutinho is on the left of the military leadership and is strongly sympathetic to the Popular Movement for Liberation of Angola (MPLA), one of the three liberation movements struggling for supremacy.

The Popular Movement demanded the withdrawal of the Portuguese forces last week after Portuguese troops opened fire on their soldiers. There are 24,000 Portuguese troops still in Angola.

Luanda, Aug 1.—Troops of the Popular Movement and its main rival, the National Front for the Liberation of Angola (FNLA), clashed continuously today in battles for control of key towns south and east of the capital.

In the east, they fought for possession of Malanje, Cacuso and Braganca, about 250 miles from Luanda. In the south, about 310 miles from the capital, they fought for Angola's second biggest town, Nova Lisboa, as well as for Port Amboim and Gabela.

Windhoek, Aug 1.—About 200 white refugees from Angola have crossed into South-West Africa in a convoy of about 40 cars and eight 15-ton cattle lorries, sources said

Rumours are circulating of another convoy of about 2,000 vehicles being on its way.—Reuter.

Our Johannesburg Correspondent writes: An eighteenth century former German fort at Groodfontein, in South West Africa, about 200 miles from the border with Angola has been converted into a refugee clearing centre for fleeing whites.

Yesterday a convoy of eight 15-ton cattle trucks and 40 smaller vehicles crammed with refugees and their belongings arrived at the fort. Residents of the town said some had to be treated for wounds.


President Amin with his bride after their wedding yesterday.

President Amin marries girl soldier of 19

Kampala, Aug 1.—President Amin of Uganda today married the 19-year-old co-driver who accompanied him in a car rally held this week for the Organization of African Unity (OAU) summit.

His bride Sarah, President Amin's second current wife, is a member of the Revolutionary Suicide Mechanized Unit of the Ugandan Army. The President, a Muslim, has had one wife, Madina, since early last year when he announced he had separated from three other wives.

The field marshal introduced his new bride, dressed in white, to a group of journalists before attending a military exercise called "Cape Town Liberation". The exercise was intended to show how African forces would wipe out the last bastion of apartheid

Delegates watched as the army made a seaborne assault on an island in Lake Victoria and Ugandan aircraft flew low over "Cape Town" while heavy artillery neutralized enemy positions. Troops then landed and hoisted the OAU flag.—Reuter.

'Attila line' agreement boosts talks on Cyprus

Vienna, Aug 1.—Mr Rauf Denktash, the Turkish Cypriot leader, said today that agreement had been reached in the intercommunal talks in Vienna for 9,000 Turkish Cypriots to cross the "Attila line" and rejoin their compatriots in the north of Cyprus.

Mr Denktash said 800 Greek Cypriots would also be allowed back to the Turkish-controlled north of the island and some 10,000 Greeks already in the north would be allowed to stay.

The agreement was seen as a substantial breakthrough in discussions here on an eventual Cyprus settlement.

The "Attila Line" has divided Cyprus since the fighting which followed the Turkish invasion of the island last summer.

The question of Turkish Cypriots stranded in the south and Greek Cypriots in the north became a sharply divisive issue last month when about 800 of the Greek Cypriots were expelled from that area.

Dr Waldheim, the United Nations Secretary-General, attending the third round of the Cyprus conference in Vienna, commented: "There was an important step forward in the talks of representatives of the Greek and Turkish population groups of the Mediterranean island." He did not elaborate.

In Helsinki, Herr Klaus Bölling, a West German Secretary of State, said today that President Makarios was prepared to make concessions to settle the Cyprus problem. The archbishop had earlier met Herr Schmidt, the West German Chancellor.

Herr Bölling said that President Makarios would accept a "smaller territory than envisaged" for the Greek Cypriot community in a federal state, but he wanted the territory to be still "quite large"

President Makarios was reported to welcome the move by the European Community to bring about a settlement

He did not, however, apparently expect significant results from the inter-communal talks in Vienna. — Reuter, Agence France-Presse and UPI.

Nigeria's emergency measures lifted

Lagos, Aug 1.—Nigeria's new military rulers announced today that all emergency measures imposed since the overthrow on Tuesday of General Yakubu Gowon, the former head of state, would be lifted tomorrow.

The short announcement over Nigeria radio said the new military Government was satisfied with the situation in the country. The emergency measures still in force had included a ban on international flights. The airports were reopened today for domestic flights.

All borders and entry points were still closed today under the emergency, except to nationals of the 14 countries comprising the Economic Community of West African States.

A dusk-to-dawn curfew was lifted yesterday.

Several senior officers in the Gowon regime pledged their support for Brigadier Murtala Mohammed, the country's new leader.

The newly appointed Governors for Nigeria's 12 states were leaving today to take over the state administrations. All the governors were replaced

The Government's next step, it was believed, would be to name commissioners (ministers) to run the federal administration.

The Government issued an edict today to try to ease congestion in central Lagos. It banned heavy lorries from the city streets except between 11 pm and 5.30 am daily and barred lorries weighing over 4.5 tons from using one of the two bridges to Lagos island, the main business centre.

Many roads in the capital are flooded after torrential rain, and telephone services stopped working in large sectors of the city.

Lome: General Gowon ar here today in the persons of President Amin, of Ug He was met at the airpo President Gnassingbe Eya of Togo. The two are friends.

The General was accomp by Dr Okoi Arikpo, his fo Foreign Minister, who was attending the Organisati African Unity summit c ence when Nigeria's new tary leaders were installe

Crowds shouting "Long General Gowon, long General Eyadema" watche two men review a detach of troops before driving the capital.

General Gowon is exp eventually to go to Brit join his family who are al there. Before leaving Ka he held talks with Mr Hennessy, the British Commissioner.—Reuter.

London: Britain has recog the new military regin Nigeria, the Foreign announced in London.

"The British Gover established normal rel with the new federal m government in Nigeria morning", a statement "This, of course, constitu act of recognition.

"We have enjoyed clos tions with Nigeria, both b ally and as a full memb the Commonwealth, an hope these good relation continue."

The Government app unlikely to give a de answer in the House of on Monday to a question l Earl of Lauderdale on wl the Queen's state vis Nigeria will take pla October as planned. Wh considered that further c rations would be needed the new Nigerian Governm

Some shopkeepers still pretend to hold stocks but packages on shelves are often empty

Kampala runs short of basic food supplies

From Nicholas Ashford
Kampala, Aug 1

Two weeks of African summitry were visibly starting to take their toll on Uganda's limited resources by the time the Organization of African Unity (OAU) meeting in Kampala drew to a close this weekend.

The shortages, which ordinary Ugandans have been experiencing with increasing severity during the past two years, had even started to penetrate the well protected portals of the Conference Centre.

Supplies of beer, a basic part of the local diet, became erratic; milk, sugar and even coffee, Uganda's main product, were sometimes unobtainable for hours on end as officials scoured the town looking for new supplies.

At Makerere University and the Institute of Public Administration, where many delegates and journalists were lodged, items which were on the menu when the conference opened were no longer obtainable by the time it ended.

But the several thousand African delegates attending the meeting have probably left with the impression that Uganda is a land of plenty. Most of them rarely went out of the conference area, where a duty-free shop provided them (in return for badly-needed hard currency) with goods totally unobtainable elsewhere.

If they did venture out, it was invariably a brief visit in one of the several hundred new Fiats which President Amin laid on for delegates together with a fleet of white Honda motorcycles for police outriders.

A stroll around Kampala revealed a different picture. One of the town's leading restaurants had only one item on its lunch menu: chicken curry with rice. There was no fruit, no sweet course or even coffee because, the waiter explained, there was no sugar. The wine waiter apologized that he had nothing to offer except orange or lemon squash.

Some shops gave the impression of being reasonably well stocked, but either goods were not for sale or, more often, the packages on the shelves were empty. One liquor store made no such pretence. Amid the rows of empty shelves stood one lovely bottle of Napoleon brandy selling for £45. In food stores, commodities such as butter, sugar and salt were strictly rationed.

The shortages affect all facets of life in Uganda. One haulage contractor has had to wait for months before he could get two new tyres for one of his lorries, and then had to pay £400 for them. A builder has been offered two lucrative contracts for riot-proofing the British High Commission and the French Embassy, but he doubts whether he can obtain the materials to carry out the work.

Virtually the only hard currency still coming into Uganda is from Arab sources largely in recognition of the President's tough line towards Israel. Most of this is being spent on equipping the armed forces with new Soviet weaponry or on such extravaganzas as the OAU summit. Apart from the favoured few, who seem to have almost limitless funds, most Ugandans receive no benefit from the Arab aid.

One of the paradoxes of present day Uganda is that, despite all the hardships, President Amin does appear to be a popular leader. People complain privately about the shortages and economic stagnation. But when President Amin tours the countryside, he is received in an almost adulatory fashion.

For the time being, his position within Uganda seems impregnable. Barring the assassin's bullet (which can never be discounted), his future as President of Uganda seems assured. He has put fellow Muslims from the Nile province into most leading positions in the armed forces, the real source of power in the country, and has surrounded himself with a cabinet of sycophants.

What opposition there is has so far been remarkably ineffective. The so-called Ugandan Liberation Army has been letting off a few bombs during the conference; but most delegates were unaware of them. Ugandan exiles in Tanzania frequently speak of plans to overthrow the President, but so far these have come to nothing. Anyone who tries to raise his voice inside Uganda is only too aware of the fate that has befallen earlier critics.

Some argue that a new President Amin has emerged during the OAU conference. He has been calmer, more diplomatic, and acting more in the style expected of the head of the 46-nation body. This may be true, and certainly his cool response to Tanzania's bitter attack on him suggests a change in his character.

But the question remains whether he will be able to sustain this new sense of diplomacy after the OAU leaders have returned to their capitals, out of his reach for personal advice.

Little hope of lifting Turkish arms ban

From Patrick Brogan
Washington, Aug 1

Last attempts to persuade the House of Representatives to lift its ban on the sale of arms to Turkey were made today, with very little hope of success. The Senate passed a Bill late last night by a majority of one; and Democratic and Republican leaders in the House hoped to bring it to a floor vote today.

In the aftermath of Turkey's decision to take over all but one of the American bases in that country, they hoped that the House would reverse the vote it cast last week rejecting a similar Bill by 223 votes to 206.

However, the Bill would first have to pass symbolically through the rules committee, and its chairman refused to cooperate.

He is Mr Ray Madden, aged 83, from Gary, Indiana, and one of the last of the antique and immovable Democratic chairmen of House committees. He has many Greek-Americans in his constituency. He refused obdurately to allow his committee to consider the measure.

The Turkish arms Bill will not be considered until after the recess, in September. It was never certain that the Bill would pass the House, of course; and its failure is not just the fault of the aged Mr Madden. It is another defeat for President Ford and Dr Kissinger, the Secretary of State.

Generals' plot forestalled by colonels, court told

From Mario Modiano
Athens, Aug 1

The Athens court trying 20 leaders of the fallen junta on charges of treason and revolt, heard today that 12 hours before the colonels' coup, six generals had taken an oath to seize power if they could obtain the King's consent.

Details of a secret meeting were disclosed by two of the generals who testified for the prosecution today. Three of the generals who attended that meeting are among the defendants.

Retired Lieutenant-General Christos Papadatos, who was then commanding units in the Athens region, said that the meeting had been convened in the office of General Grigorios Spandidakis, the Army chief-of-staff, who expressed concern at the political tension and fears of disorder.

All the generals had agreed with the assessment of the situation and the need for a coup, but the majority insisted that nothing should be done without the King's consent.

However, the colonels moved rapidly that night forestalling any move by the generals.

Lieutenant-General George Zoitakis, the commander of the Third Corps, is believed to have tipped off the colonels about the generals' plan. He was later named regent.

Another officer alleged to be involved, is Lieutenant-General Odysseus Anghelis, who was then deputy Army chief-of-staff, became after the coup commander-in-chief of the armed forces and ended his career in 1973 as Vice-President of the Republic.

General Spandidakis had been arrested on the night of the coup but had reached a compromise with the colonels.

Indian courts curbed

Delhi, Aug 1.—Indian courts were officially barred today from hearing any legal challenges to the emergency measures imposed by Mrs Gandhi, the Prime Minister.

A constitutional amendment prohibiting judicial review of the declaration of a national emergency on June 26 became law with automatic ratification by President Fakhruddin Ali Ahmed.

The amendment, the thirty-eighth since India's constitution was promulgated in 1950, won easy approval last week in Parliament following an Opposition boycott. It also was ratified by a majority of the Indian states.

Introducing the amendment, the Government argued that only the Government, and not the courts, had enough information to decide whether an emergency declaration was justified.

The amendment has no effect on Mrs Gandhi's Supreme Court appeal against her conviction for violating election laws in winning her parliamentary seat in 1971. The appeal is to begin on August 11.—AP.

Family of former Teamst president fear he is dead

From Nicholas Fraser
New York, Aug 1

Police are searching for Mr James Hoffa, the former President of the Teamsters' Union, the largest in the United States, who failed to return home on Wednesday. His car has been found abandoned and unlocked in the parking lot of a fashionable restaurant in Bloomfield, a suburb of Detroit.

His disappearance came three weeks after a car belonging to Mr Frank Fitzsimmons, the son of the Teamsters' President, was destroyed by a bomb. Mr Fitzsimmons was once Mr Hoffa's protégé, and succeeded him when he was convicted of jury tampering and mail fraud in 1967, and sent to prison.

Since his release from prison in 1971, however, Mr Hoffa has been trying to regain the presidency of the union; and the two men have become bitter enemies.

There has been a ser violent incidents involving bers of Teamsters' Loca Mr Hoffa's old power bas official was hit by a sl blast; another had a bo off outside his home; third was assaulted o month ago.

Mr Hoffa claims tha Fitzsimmons family was mental in Mr Nixon's de banning him from partici in union politics, though offered no evidence to su his charge. He is now a ing to get the stipulation

Mr Hoffa's family hav that they fear he is Lieutenant Curt Grennier is heading the police said that Mr Hoffa had reported his whereabours he went away. Although were no signs of violen added, the possibility o play could not be disco

Mr Alger Hiss gets copies of 'pumpkin papers'

From Our Correspondent
New York, Aug 1

Mr Alger Hiss has been given copies of the "Pumpkin papers" almost 27 years after Whittaker Chambers, who accused him of being a Soviet spy, produced them from a pumpkin shell in his garden and handed them over to the House of Representatives' Un-American activities committee.

The contents of the microfilms are less than sensational. One is totally over-exposed and two contain nothing more incriminating than Navy documents relating to such subjects as life rafts, fire extinguishers and parachutes. The remaining two contain some State Department memoranda which were used as evidence in the two trials of Mr Hiss for perjury

Mr Hiss has acquired the films from the Justice Department as part of his effort to prove his innocence.

In brief

Pay freeze law in New York

New York, Aug 1.—New City today passed legis enabling it to intervene lective bargaining agree and impose a pay freeze municipal unions if vol agreement is not reached.

The move was made nec by the failure of the police and firemen's uni agree to a "graduated f which would have replac per cent pay rise by ranging from 2 to 4 per c

Mrs Sakharov's vis

Moscow, Aug 1.—Mrs Sakharov, wife of Dr Sal the dissident Soviet ph today received her exit go to Siena, Italy, for eye treatment. She sa would leave between Au and 12; the delay was the Siena specialist be holiday.

Mushrooms kill fo

Prague, Aug 1.—Four died and 15 others becan ously ill after eating p mushrooms in eastern Sl the Prague newspaper *elske Noviny* reported tc said the mushrooms picked by a man conside expert on the fungus.

Mauritania rainstc

Nouakchott, Aug 1.—A rainstorm, the first in years of drought, has low-lying districts of the tanian capital, and mor 350 nomad refugee f housed in tents were evacuated today by Re cent workers.

Matchbox traffic j

Sydney, Aug 1.—A you walked through the ce Sydney today, switching jamming traffic lights—w aid of a box of matche technique is secret. Poli he had devised a way of ing out a complete set o using a single matchstic

Estates taken over

Colombo, Aug 1.—Tl Lanka Plantation Ind Ministry today took ov tea and rubber estates w bought from their owners. Both estates w the Kelani valley distric

Raid into Lebanon

Tel Aviv, Aug 1.— troops, hunting for Arat rillas, crossed into L during the night and ble house in the village Qouzah, but there we casualties.

South African police are leaving Rhodesia

From Our Correspondent
Johannesburg, Aug 1

South Africa is withdrawing its para-military police from Rhodesia and leaving the Government of Mr Ian Smith to fight it out alone with guerrilla infiltrators. Mr James Kruger, the Minister of Police and Justice, announced in Pretoria today that "the stage has now been reached where the slightly more than 200 men who are still in Rhodesia can be withdrawn to the Republic and such an order has now been issued".

At one stage it was believed that there were up to 2,000 South African police engaged in the guerrilla war. Since it escalated in December, 1972, a total of 18 South Africans have been killed. Last December, the South African Government indicated it would withdraw its men when the ceasefire announced by Mr Smith became effective.

Although the ceasefire has never been properly observed, Mr Kruger's statement discloses that the South Africans have been steadily withdrawn.

Earlier today in Salisbury, Mr Piet van der Byl, the Rhodesian Defence Minister, announced that the South Africans were being withdrawn systematically. He paid generous tribute to the bravery of the men involved in the guerrilla war.

The British Government objected strongly when South Africans were first sent to Rhodesia, but Pretoria has maintained that their presence there was to stop infiltration by guerrillas through Rhodesia into South Africa.

Mr Kruger restated this today. He said: "As has been repeatedly stated in Parliament and in public, the South African police were sent to Rhodesia to stop South African terrorists on their way to South Africa. It has always been the Government's policy that it does not expect others to pull our chestnuts out of the fire.

"It has never been the purpose, nor has it ever been in the interests of Rhodesia or South Africa, to get involved in internal struggles between Rhodesians. That has always been the point of view of both the South African Government and Mr Ian Smith's Government.

"Gradually, the original necessity for the South African police presence has grown less. It has also been felt that their presence should not become a disturbing factor in the process of negotiations.

"In any case, these men, for the last few months, have been confined to their camps."

'World's oldest nanny' dies aged 127

Poona, Aug 1.—Probably the world's oldest nanny who worked for British families all over the world, has died here at the age of 127.

Mrs Dhondabai Shivram Kable died last weekend, leaving behind her a 96-year-old daughter, grandchildren in their sixties and a host of great-grandchildren.

Mrs Dhondabai was eating her usual food to within two days of her death and had hardly ever visited a doctor. The three operations she ever had were all before she was 85 and she had a fine set of teeth.

According to her daughter, Mrs Kakhambai Gekwad, she was an adventurous person and working as an *ayah* or nanny, she travelled with British officers' families to Britain, Sri Lanka, Burma, Hongkong and most parts of the former British empire.—Reuter.

Señora Perón takes rest to recover after illness

Buenos Aires, Aug 1.—President Isabel Perón will take "a little rest" after her illness, Señor Benitez, the Minister of the Interior, said today.

Sources close to the presidency said that Señora Perón was expected to rest for a month not far from Buenos Aires. She has been staying at the presidential residence of Los Olivos, about nine miles outside the capital.

Last night Señora Perón presided over a Cabinet meeting. Señor Benitez said that her illness had not been serious. The rest was necessary to enable her to "resume her place at the Government Palace".

It was announced yesterday that Señora Perón had transferred her presidential Boeing 707 aircraft to the Argentine national airline for commercial use.

The announcement said that she wished to set an example of austerity under the Government's plan to meet the country's economic crisis.—Agence France-Presse.

French troops move into loyal Comore island

Paris, Aug 1.—French troops today occupied all administrative buildings on the Comore island of Mayotte, and expelled officials of the central Comores Government. M Ahmed Ben Cheik, the Comore representative in Paris, said here today.

The Comore Government declared independence unilaterally three weeks ago in an attempt to forestall Mayotte's attempt to remain French.

In a press statement here, M Ben Cheik said, quoting President Ahmed Abdallah, that the situation on Mayotte had taken a serious turn and that all telephone links with the island were cut.

The French Foreign Legion has left the three other islands in the archipelago, but has remained at full strength on Mayotte

Official sources in Paris neither confirmed nor denied M Ben Cheik's claim. The Comore Government recently accused France of planning to invade the independent islands. —Agence France-Presse

Saigon discloses plan to merge with North

Saigon, Aug 1.—South Vietnam will move from military to civilian rule through "people's revolutionary committees" and eventually merge with the North, according to Mr Nguyen Huu Tho, the chairman of the Praesidium of the National Liberation Front's Central Committee.

Answering questions by reporters, Mr Tho declined to set dates for these developments, but said that discussions were now going on to clear the way for reunification.

The objectives of the civilian administration would continue to be "a progressive democracy, a rapid healing of the wounds of war, development of industry and agriculture, restoration and expansion of land transport and communication, of internal as well as international marine and air transport and communication, and elimination of decadent culture with a view to meeting the requirements of an improvement of the people's material and cultural life".

Mr Tho said that the two zones were "holding discussions to solve concrete problems arising from the characteristics of each zone with a view to proceeding towards the reunification in a way most beneficial to the people over the whole country".

The economy of the previous regime was "85 per cent dependent on foreign countries in terms of raw materials".

Peasants who left their fields during the war were being helped to return and reclaim wasteland. "Land has recently been given to tens of thousands of people" who had none or little of it.

The Government guaranteed the "Vietnamese national bourgeoisie, businessmen, plantation owners their right to private ownership and encourages them to continue to work out activities to serve the national economy and the normalization of the life of the people".

Asked about relations with the United States, Mr Tho said the Government demanded that the United States should "refrain from interfering in the internal affairs of Vietnam, and fulfil the United States obligations in the healing of the wounds of war and the reconstruction of Vietnam provided by article 21 of the Paris agreement."—Reuter.

Washington, Aug 1.—At least three rebel groups in Cambodia are believed to be fighting the communist-led Government which seized power in April, United States officials said today.

According to unconfirmed reports, the rebels are operating near Battambang in the north; near Kompong Speu, east of Phnom Penh; and in the south-west near the Thai border.

The reports say that Phnom Penh is a ghost town as its two million inhabitants have been forced from their homes into the countryside.

"We have reports of epidemics of cholera with cases well into the thousands", one official said. But the reports did not come from medical experts.

The Cambodian radio has denied reports that people are living in hardship and insists that they are being well treated. —Reuter.

General Thieu granted visa to visit Britain

General Thieu, former President of South Vietnam, has been given a six-month visa to visit Britain, Mr Jenkins, Home Secretary, announced in a Commons answer yesterday.

He said General Thieu wanted to see his son, a student in Britain, and other family connexions. If he sought permission to stay longer his application would be considered "in relation to the criteria we have traditionally applied".

Mr Jenkins was urged two days ago by Mr Max Madden, Labour MP for Sowerby, to refuse General Thieu a visa. Mr Madden argued that his presence in Britain would impose burdens on taxpayers since he would require continuous protection.

Show by banned Soviet painters

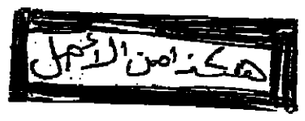
Moscow, Aug 1.—Several Leningrad painters who were forbidden to exhibit their works there last May have opened a show in a Moscow apartment.

The banned Leningrad exhibition was to have brought in painters from all over the Soviet Union but the authorities persuaded them to withdraw their works.—Agence France-Presse.

Chile communist back in jail

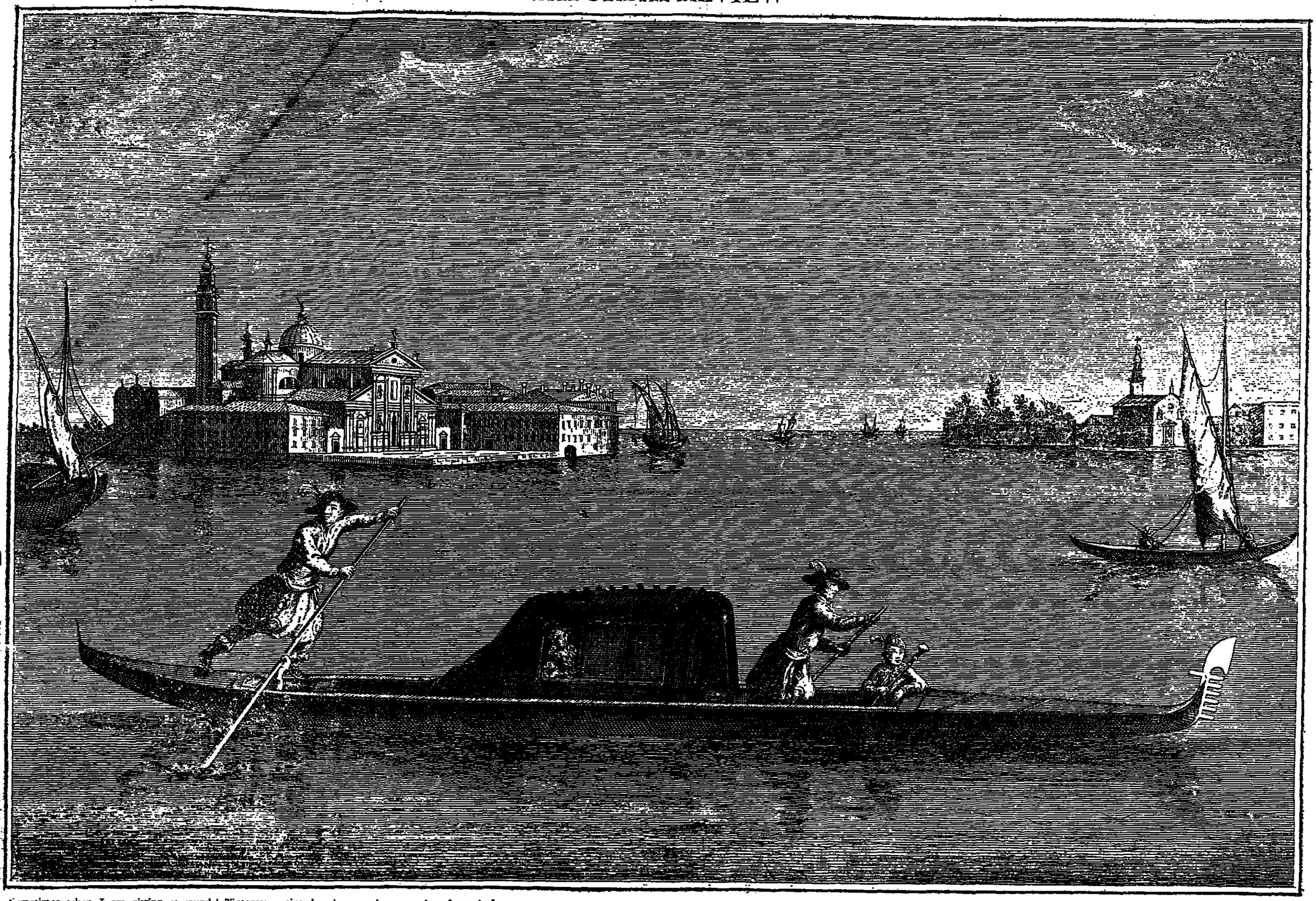
Santiago, Aug 1.—Señor Luis Corvalán, aged 60, leader of Chile's banned Communist Party, was returned to jail today after an appendix operation at a naval hospital in Valparaiso last week.

He was arrested after the 1973 coup and has been held at the maximum security camp at Altoque 87 miles north of here, since early last year.—Reuter.



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The death of Venice

by Jan Morris

Sometimes when I am sitting on the Punta della Dogana, the best lounging place in Venice, I deliberately conjure an illusion. Half closing my eyes, I see the ravishing city before me, shimmering beyond the Basin of St Mark's, suddenly restored to imperial grandeur—its domes and towers proclaiming not just spectacle, but power, its palaces the seats of authority once more, its banks financing enterprises from Southampton to Samarkand, its ships busy across half the world in the profitable service of St Mark. Then the great banners, floating indolently on their flagstaffs in the Piazza across the water, fly not simply for display, but as a boast and a warning to the nations, and the mighty campanile itself seems to look out across the waters as a watchtower of dominion—"A Quarter and a Half-Quarter of the Roman Empire", as the old Venetians liked to say.

It does not last long. Hardly have I organized the fancy in my mind than a raucous company of sightseers comes loudly down the quay, or I hear the dogmatic drone of a guide from the steps of the Salute along the way, and instantly Venice is restored to its contemporary self: only the tourists pay court to the empty throne of the Doges, only the pleasure-liners tie up at the Riva degli Schiavoni, and the terrific presence of the city turns out to be no more than a lovely pageant. Venice lost the last remnants of her power 175 years ago: since then she has chiefly existed to be stared at, a gallery, a mise-en-scène, a parody even.

This is a dispiriting moment for me always, and it is then that I enunciate with most conviction my own solution to the perennial problem of Venice: Let her sink.

It is not a new plan. For several centuries romantics both foreign and indigenous have seen as the proper end to the Venetian story the city's extinction beneath the waters that nurtured it—Ocean's Bride apotheosized at last into the last embrace. What an end! What a climax! What an orgasm of history!

I am considered Philistine when I propose it nowadays, but the poets and artists who imagined this marvellous denouement in the past, though they were moved by the tragedy of the theme, still saw grandeur in it.

"O Venice, Venice",
cried Byron,
"when the marble walls
Are level with the waters, there shall be
A cry of nations o'er thy sunken halls,
A loud lament upon the sweeping sea!"

but what a tremendous moment of mourning he makes it sound! Tintoretto painted a noble picture of the event; Shelley envisaged it in a famous lyric passage; Rose Macaulay was planning a novel about it in her last year; Wagner, who died in Venice, would surely have wished the city to die apocalyptically with him. Those who have conceived the submergence of Venice have generally done so not out of contempt but of love, not as an expression of despair, but as a counsel of perfection.

Of course for sentimentalists like me the melancholy of the Venetian decline has always had its own beauty. What more evocative in the world, than some decayed and crumbling back-canal of Venice, fragrant with mud and rot—the old bricks exposed beneath leprous plaster on the palace walls, the blackened saints, lions or chimerae, the tottering iron-propped angels above the church door, the flicker of the water-reflections on the dark underside of the bridge, the nostalgia of it all, the suggestion, the resignation? But in savouring the tristesse of Venice, even then we are only paying a tribute to her lost purposes, aware they can never be revived, never rivalled—and never diminished either, for they exist forever intact and inviolate in our minds.

The Venice we possess in this way, magnificent in the imagination, silently disintegrating in the fact, was above all an energy. In its great days it was one of the world's prime movers, a formidable imperial Power, and all its marvels, all its beauties were elements of its dynamism. It was by no means always an admirable energy. It was often cruel, often intolerant, nearly always opportunist. It was greedy, gaudy, chauvinist and complacent. If the name of Venice was long synonymous with stability and order, it stood too for the fierce oligarchy of the Golden Book, the secret powers of the Council of Three, the all-seeing intelligence services of the Republic, the notorious dungeons of the Ten. There are few more shameful stories in history than that of the Venetian part in the Fourth Crusade, when the Crusaders never reached the Holy Land at all, but looted Byzantium instead: but by that cynical coup the Venetians, who provided the Crusading fleet, laid the foundations of their wealth, their Empire, and their incomparable city.

Yet it was a force always of compelling allure. It fascinated the world. For several centuries Venice was something altogether unique among the Powers: a State like no other, a sea-state, a merchant-State, whose banks around Rialto were the financial crux of Europe, whose style, skills and commodities linked East with West, and whose capital, as it happened, was a city of canals, a city without wheels, built on a hundred mudbanks in the middle of a lagoon.

What to do with the flamboyant shell of this entity, when its energy was lost, has been for five centuries the true Venetian problem. The world half-awoke to it in 1966, when an exceptional high tide drew attention to the fact that the fabric of Venice was threatened by subsidence and corrosion: but really since the beginning of the 16th century the saga of Venice has been one of repeated, and ever more forlorn, rearguard actions. The grand fact of Venice was doomed when Vasco da Gama, discovering an alternative route to the Far East, deprived the Venetians in the long run of their oriental monopolies: and a series of enervating wars, fought often with great panache, successively reduced the power of the State until, in 1797, Napoleon's forces entered the lagoon, and the Venetian Republic was no more.

The city was then impotent in its lagoon, but still the Venetians and their rulers tried, generation after generation, to restore some honourable purpose to the place. They made causeways to the mainland, to reduce its isolation. They built the first of all the motorways, to link it with Padua. They started industries on the shore of its lagoon, to give it an economic meaning. They postulated highways across the lagoon itself, or oil pipe-lines to Germany. They saw Venice as an art centre, a cultural entrepot, a free port, a residential retreat, a new home for the United Nations. They created new islands, dredged new canals, brought trains and cars into the city purlieus. Once, in 1848, they even turned the clock heroically back, declared Venice an independent State again, and lived once more for a full year beneath the banner of St Mark.

Nothing worked. The superficial problems of Venice can easily be solved: modern technique can certainly save the place from sinking, and its buildings and treasures from disintegration. The deeper problem remains, and so far every attempt to resolve it has only made matters worse, by polluting the lagoon, by raising the water level, by depopulating the city, by overwhelming it with tourists, by cheapening it with tawdry showmanship.

"Men are we", wrote Wordsworth at the death of the Venetian Republic, "and must grieve when even the Shade Of that which once was great is passed away." Even the shade! For him as for me, Venice was already dead. 175 years ago, and her physical remains did not qualify even as a ghost.

For Venice in its great days was body and soul. It was a highly functional city, designed not just for its times, but for its own specific purposes. Medieval Venice was not only safe in the heart of its lagoon, it was also very handy—its movement easy, its resources close by, its sewage most satisfactorily removed by the emetic of the tides. Pollution was no problem then, so small was the scale of it all: the lagoon performed its natural functions as it always had, and Venice fitted easily and naturally into the balance of nature. Medieval visitors to the Serenissma marvelled at the pomp and beauty of it, of course, but at the efficiency too: it used to be the boast of the Arsenal, the first shipyard of Europe, that it could build, equip and send a galley to sea within 24 hours.

Magnificence came organically to such a place, at such a time. Art, commerce, faith, war and diplomacy were interfused, almost interchangeable. Painters like Titian were figures of State. Musicians like Monteverdi were pillars of the Church. The patricians of Venice were merchant-princes. The admirals of Venice were well-known local noblemen. What made sense and money for one class was profitable for all, and all the resources of the State, its gifts, its investments, its crafts, its energies, were absorbed naturally in the public enrichment.

Such a city, such a society, such a philosophy of sovereignty is incompatible with the modern world: and so the idea of Venice is incompatible too. There is no worthy role for Venice now, and all the diligence of the water-engineers, all the devotion of the restorers, all the generosity of fund-raisers across the world, can do no more than patch up the beautiful old body yet again, like some decrepit but never quite expiring beauty of long ago. It is not a very dignified treatment. "*Thou shalt not kill*", the poet said, "*but needst not strive—Officiously to keep alive. . . .*".

But is it not enough, you are saying, for the place simply to be beautiful? It is enough of course, but it is something else. The ensemble of Venice is not art exactly, especially as it is much lovelier in the whole than in the parts, but even the earthiest rationalist must recognize in its grace, proportion and composition something more important than power or function, something divine in fact.

This is why, when Venice seemed to be falling apart at last, the civilized world came disinterestedly to its rescue, raising millions of dollars, sending advisers and technicians, and enabling the Italian government to float a large international loan. Yet even upon these admirable gestures I look, from my seat beside the Dogana lamp-post, with a jaundiced eye. Every touching-up, every recolouring, makes Venice a little less real, a little remoter from the truth (which includes, after all, old age). Restorers these days can be infinitely tactful I know, and several Venetian buildings have been most delicately rejuvenated—the dim golden San Nicola da Tolentino down by the docks, or the exquisite Santa Maria dei Miracoli: even so they have, for instance, successfully removed most of the magic from the once-haunted cathedral of Torcello, and made Sansovino's Loggietta at the base of the Campanile look a very much nastier colour than I ever imagined it.

Then again though the Venetians themselves, with their traditional eye to the main chance, do not apparently resent the spectacle of so many earnest foreigners propping up their pilasters and pressure-cleaning their winged lions, even in this I see a kind of abasement. The Italian Futurist Marinetti, who wanted to destroy all Italy's monuments, was much incensed when Austrian aircraft bombed Venice during the First World War: it was the duty and privilege of the Venetians, he thought, to destroy their own treasures. Much though I admire the work of the world's restorers—some of my best friends are Venetian conservationists—still I am faintly antagonized by the assemblage of committees, fund-raising groups and miscellaneous connoisseurs hovering like so many eminent cosmeticians around the still twitching cadaver of Venice.

Venice has long been subject to a particular kind of *snobbism*, in which aesthetic and social pretensions are incestuously combined: inseparable from the world's concern with the Serenissima today is the figure of the cosmopolitan dilettante, strolling from the Contessa's to the Baronessa's, by way of Harry's Bar, with a few suggestions for the preservation of San Bernardo degli Berensoni, or a *tantalizing* piece of gossip about Unesco.

His beard was aesthetically pleasing.
His clothes were expensively bought.
He talked of intelligent, civilized things.
As a man of culture ought.
But as he went charmingly out of the room,
"Affected old ass", I thought.

Of course it is not going to sink. A Doge might have sunk it, a dilettante never, and left to itself its rate of submergence is too slow. We might wait for ever! The spectacle of Venice, sad to some, superb to many, enthralling to us all, will be with us and our children and our children's children, shored up, cleaned up, numbered, fitted with automatic translation systems and regularly inspected by the philanthropists of Save Venice Inc. "I would rather die myself", one enthusiast claimed to me the other day, "than see Venice disappear": and though in fact I cannot envisage many connoisseurs leaping into the gurgling deep to drown with their beloved (I am much more likely to do it myself, in plain self-indulgence), still I am sure that Venice will survive its well-publicized physical perils.

But just how it is going to happen, just what the city's own intentions are, just how much has been done already, just what is going on in fact, you must be a better reporter than I am to discover. The spirit of Venice is essentially obscurantist, as it always was, and the affairs of the city today are shot through with ambiguity:

There came at last to Venice the Man-Who-Had-Seen-All,
And he spied at her casement window the Lady-Held-in-Thrall.
"Come jump to my arms, my lady, away and travel with me!
A new life is waiting for you, and a world to set you free!"
But the lady smiled a Venetian smile, and shed a Venetian tear.
"Why should I travel", she sadly replied, "when I'm already here?"

The Venetian combination of evasion, shrewdness, guile and introspection has miraculously survived the centuries, and makes it almost impossible to establish a fact, let alone an intention. Webs of obscurity and veiled illusion entrammel all. There are plans and counterplans: there are authorities and delegates; there are Laws, Presidential Decrees, Directives; there is the celebrated loan raised for the protection of the city two years ago, and now variously said to be embezzled, used to prop up the lira, held in a special account in the Bank of Italy, or lost.

There is the aqueduct that may or may not have been completed; there is the canal that may or may not be continued: there is the new industrial zone on the mainland that is in a state of misty abeyance; there are schemes and counter-schemes for blocking the lagoon entrances, restoring the ecology of the lagoon, changing the whole nature of the mainland industries. There are pamphlets by the dozen, government documents by the ream, coffee-table books by the gross. There is even an unnerving suggestion, currently fashionable, that the climate has changed again since 1966, and that Venice is no longer sinking after all.

Nobody knows. Venice long ago lost her way. Built for autocracy and empire, she flounders messily through the shallows of democratic purpose, confused by dissension, corruption and uncertainty. The long, long decline continues, and with each passing year, each inconclusive debate, her robust reality fades still further and she exists simply to be.

In this, in a world that is fast forgetting the distinction between truth and fantasy, she is very contemporary. She is the ultimate Williamsburg. She is the wildest Disneyland. She is truth turned to make-believe. Why travel, when one is already here?

Whether Venice is old or new is immaterial. Almost everything in the city has at one time or another been propped up, renovated or replaced. The pillars of the Doge's Palace are mostly 19th century replacements, and the Campanile of St Mark's was rebuilt altogether when it fell down in 1902—shattering incidentally that Loggietta whose reconstructed fragments have now been so blindingly restored. New-old is the true condition of the place: they cleaned part of the Procurati Nuove recently, but the authorities insisted that part of the removed patina should be painted in again, to preserve the balance of illusion.

But new-old equals dead-alive. When an enlightened British television producer wished to show Venice as a living city, not just a museum or a Visconti morgue, he chose to portray the annual gondola regatta, a festivity which, having existed for a thousand years or so, is now organized by the Tourist Department, and features a municipal official of long service dressed up as a Doge. In this he is perfectly right: the liveliest aspect of Venice today is a vigorous but ludicrous narcissism, as though the ancient city, finding itself regarded as some sort of circus, has put on the motley in response, and become an act even to itself. So a Quarter and a Half-Quarter of the Roman Empire sinks to the level of a fancy-dress charade, and the assembled afficionados flutter with delight—what truth! what art! Life in Venice, instead of Death!

It is only a danse macabre.

The purpose of Venice is being Venice. Because it's there! Yet though in one half of me I really would like to see Venice ending her long drama nobly at the last, to remain with us only as a dream or a universal memory, in other moments I do recognize a deeper point to her survival. I am only the devil's advocate! Something marvellous happened in Venice long ago. Some strain in the human genius was plucked once and for all, never to sound again, to leave behind it like a long echo this prodigy of the lagoon. Perhaps it can inspire us still, even in its degradation? Perhaps even this shade of a shade, this ghost of a ghost, can offer us an example?

But when I reach this point in my meditations I pull myself together, and get up reluctantly from my quayside: and walking back through the Dorsoduro lanes, where the old palaces loom gauntly over my path, and the pigeons murmur in their high niches, and the light dimples once more beneath the foot-bridges, and the *sandoli* gleam varnished and flower-decked at their moorings, and the masts of the passing ships ride grandly by beyond the Zattere—walking slowly back towards Rialto I banish such sententious speculations from my mind, and think, as is only right in Venice, cynical thoughts all the way home.

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OVERSEAS

Bougainville secedes from Papua New Guinea

From Our Correspondent
Melbourne, Sept 1

With independence for Papua New Guinea just over two weeks away, Bougainville, the copper-rich island, today announced its secession from the mainland. The secessionists are now threatening to take over the island's copper mine, the greatest single source of income for Papua New Guinea.

In a simple ceremony watched by 5,000 people, Bougainville's rebel leaders today renamed their tiny island the Republic of the North Solomons and officially declared it independent.

The Government of Papua New Guinea does not recognize the island's self-proclaimed independence, but the official ceremony went without any of the feared violence. The unilateral declaration of independence was made in Arawa market place by Dr Alexis Sardi, the chairman of the newly-formed Government.

Dr Sardi, a former Roman Catholic priest, told supporters that Bougainville's leaders had taken the step to show the world that the island's 90,000 people wished to shape their own destiny.

Bougainville is the most easterly part of Papua New Guinea and the site of one of the world's biggest copper mines. Dissatisfaction over the degree of autonomy and the amount of revenue allocated to the island by the Territory's central Government led to the secession.

Neither Australia, nor the United Nations recognizes the *declaration of independence*. Papua New Guinea took strict security precautions to guard against incidents today but did not attempt to interfere with the ceremony.

The territory's Government will simply ignore today's proceedings and will go ahead providing revenue and government services through its own field staff and statutory authorities on the island.

In Port Moresby Mr Michael Somare, the Chief Minister of Papua New Guinea, has rejected the Bougainvillean move. Bougainville, he said, would always remain a province of Papua New Guinea, and he believed the majority of Bougainvillean people saw the dangers inherent in breaking away. He appealed to all Papua New Guineans to remain calm.

Mr Somare's approach to the problem of Bougainville has always been to tell them to stop being absurd, and his behaviour today suggests that although the situation has developed into something more serious he nevertheless believes it will blow over, as many less serious attempts at independence have in the past in Papua New Guinea.

Sixteenth century novel becomes a pretext for arguments over current disputes

Peking fights political battle by allegory

From David Bonavia
Peking, Sept 1

Leading organs of the Chinese Communist Party yesterday called on the nation to launch itself into a new campaign of criticism against a famous tradicional novel—evidenecly as a symbol of internal political issues.

Only in China can such abstruse, seemingly academic debates represent genuine policy matters and disclose disputes among leading political factions. Officials are likely to deny that top level conflicts are involved, but the content *of the pace-setting articles in* such organs as the *People's Daily* and the *Red Flag* makes it clear that modern politics are being discussed allegorically.

Expert diplomats trained in modern Chinese affairs, tend to the view that the rehabilitation of officials purged during the Cultural Revolution is being criticized in the latest campaign to denounce the sixteenth-century novel *Water Margin*.

However some Chinese intellectuals suggest that the real target of the attacks may be the Soviet Union—with the implication that the idea of closer relations with Russia may be under criticism.

As in the case of the anti-Confucius campaign last year, the historical allegories are capable of modern interpretations, but nobody knows at what point the analogy could be pushed too far.

The new campaign, which has been built up over the past week and is expected to explode in the news media in the next few days, concentrates on the medieval peasant rebellion round which this most popular of China's traditional novels is composed.

The big issue, as presented in the party press, is whether the novel's hero Sung Chiang should be seen as a revolutionary or merely as a servile, disgraced officer whose main aim was to worm his way back into the emperor's favour at the cost of the people's cause. The new campaign in the press takes the latter view.

The modern issues involved are difficult to identify point by point with the allegory and this is the normal style in such campaigns. It allows everyone involved to retreat gracefully if and when the whole thing fizzles out or backfires. But certain comparisons should be elucidated.

First, it seems that this is an attack from the radical left, as one of the criticisms published yesterday is under a pseudonym believed widely to be *that of Mr Yao Wen-Yuan*, the propagandist whose articles launched the Cultural Revolution 10 years ago.

This seems to rule out the possibility—rumoured by some East European diplomats—that the new campaign might be an attack on Chairman Mao Tse-tung himself. If the literary criticism refers slightingly to "the emperor", nobody in China would dare to draw such a conclusion. They would rather identify "the emperor" with senior officials who attempted to usurp Chairman *Mao's power*.

Much more complex is the question of amnesty—the main point of criticism against the legendary Sung Chiang. He is regarded as having sought amnesty above all other considerations and this could well be seen as an attack on the senior officials purged eight or nine years ago who are now returning to official favour in a steady trickle. But official sources tell correspondents in *Peking that these rehabilitations* are agreed by the Politburo of the Communist Party. It is therefore hard to see how the party's main theoretical journal could be attacking them, if the propaganda apparatus has not been severely *undermined by people of an* excessively radical stamp.

The other interpretation could be that youngish political activists, frustrated since their heady days of power in the late 1960s, are joining the establishment by accepting official posts after the failure of their attempt to make a comeback against the military and political leadership in the provinces last year.

This interpretation is not entirely at odds with the idea of an attack on rehabilitations, as both trends represent a waning of radical politics in China. The official press has given constant warnings of such "revisionist" tendencies in the event of people failing to pay enough attention to the ideas of Chairman Mao, who is 81 and in weak health.

Yesterday's leading article in the party organs directly linked the "capitulation" of Sung Chiang with the "revisionism" which is seen as the greatest danger to the future of socialism in China.

The idea of an attack on proposals for rapprochement with *Russia cannot be ruled* out as the late Lin Piao was also called a "capitulationist", for allegedly having sought to sell China out to the Soviet Union. But this is probably a peripheral issue because treachery (nowadays defined as flirtation with Moscow) is seen primarily as a result of deviations over internal political matters.

Officers freed by Mao 'in despair'

From Richard Hughes
Hongkong, Sept 1

Three of the 10 former high-ranking officers of the Chinese Nationalist Army, released by Chairman Mao in March after 25 years' imprisonment, will return in despair to China—probably on Friday.

After waiting vainly in Hongkong for permission to return to surviving wives and families they have decided that visas will not be granted them. They are all in their late 60s. Their *ordeal of frustration, after* being able to make contact with their waiting families in Taiwan by telephone or mail, has lasted since their happy and hopeful arrival in Hongkong on April 14.

Their fares to Hongkong and the costs of their upkeep were paid by the Communists, and their stay of residence was extended each month

As time ran out, one of the 10, Colonel Chang Tieh-shih, hanged himself in his hotel room. Two others, General Chen Hsi-chang and General Tuan Ke-wen, were granted admission to the United States.

The three who have decided that they will remain no longer stranded in Hongkong but return to China are Brigadier Hai Shun, Colonel Chao Eyi-hsuen and Brigadier Yang Nan-toun.

They are being entertained at a dinner tonight by Communist Party officials and are expected to announce their decision to return to China at a press conference tomorrow.

The Hongkong China Mainland Refugees Relief Association has endorsed and supported the pathetic applications of the officers to be allowed to rejoin their families; but the Nationalists have stood firm, privately demanding, it is understood, that the once-honoured commanders should first make public anti-communist declarations.

These would not only embarrass Hongkong, but also prejudice the future of 283 other "war-criminals" similarly released in March and since detained "in freedom" inside China.

Last week the remaining six officers made a final appeal to Taiwan: "*Let us come home*, or let our dear families be reunited with us in Hongkong."

Even Chinese Communist Party representatives in Hongkong have been astonished at the implacable Taiwan attitude. Chinese Nationalist representatives in Hongkong are embarrassed and apologetic when the subject is raised by friendly foreigners.

Trial opens of London girls in Kenya currency case

From Our Correspondeat
Nairobi, Sept 1

Two teenage London girls denied charges of attempting to export foreign and Kenyan currency worth over £120,000 when their trial opened in a juvenile court here today.

The girls, Teresa Ann Laws, aged 14, and Lynn Francis, aged 16, both of Woolwich, London, are alleged to have been found at Nairobi airport with the money hidden in their luggage.

During today's hearing, evidence was given that after the money had been found they told a customs officer that they had been given the luggage by a Mr Patel, who told them to hand it to a woman in London.

The original charge of conspiring with a person or persons unknown to export foreign currency with over £120,000 was amended today. Four separate charges were substituted—conspiring to export foreign currency without authority, conspiring to export Kenyan currency, and two charges of making false statements to a customs officer.

Mr F. H. Abdulla, the magistate, today heard evidence that the girls stayed in a Nairobi hotel from June 16 to 29, and that their bill was paid by an unidentified Asian.

Mr Stephen Gichuru, a customs officer, gave evidence that he had received information from a police officer that the girls should be questioned and their luggage searched.

He said the girls told him they did not have the key to a new brown leather suitcase, but eventually produced it. Inside was a metal lamp, in which a large quantity of currency and cheques was concealed. More money and cheques were found in the false bottoms of two handbags

Trade union leader attacks Kissinger détente policy

From Our Own Correspondent
Washington, Sept 1

Denouncing détente as a vain attempt "to stop evil by appeasing it", Mr George Meany, the anti-communist president of the AFL-SIO trade union organization, today bitterly attacked President Ford's economic and foreign policies as being "disastrous".

Mr Meany protested in a Labour Day broadcast that détente "as defined and presided over by Henry Kissenger" had been the prime cause of a shift in the balance of power from the United States to the Soviet Union.

He stopped short of accusing the Secretary of State of treason, terming his works "the result of major misconceptions about the world we live in". All American workers, he said, had too big a stake in foreign policy to leave it to the Secretary of State, and he announced his intention to have a say in foreign policy.

Mr Meany complained that the mess he discerned in the economy was "tied in with a world crisis of terrifying proportions".

He said: "Drive into your local petrol station, and you'll run smack into the crisis in the Middle East and Arab oil blackmail. Walk into your grocery store, and your pocket book will feel the consequences of the Soviet wheat deal in the name of détente."

He blamed détente for giving a nuclear superiority to the Soviet Union and for having America "foot the bill for the reopening of the Suez Canal, thus enabling the Russians to link up their naval forces in the Black Sea and the Pacific".

Mr Meany saw "the dark shadows of communism" spreading everywhere.

Death sentence on Korean for spying

Seoul, Sept 1.—A man accused of spying for North *Korea was sentenced to death* here today. Four others received prison sentences of between one and 10 years.

The condemned man, Kim Dal Nam, aged 31, was convicted of instigating anti-government campaigns by students and financing opposition activities. The prosecution said he had entered South Korea from Japan, where he lived, on a spy mission in 1968.—Reuter.

Congress in search of oil price formula

From Our US Economics Correspondent
Washington, Sept 1

American oil price controls expired at midnight last night and the oil companies are only being restrained from making large price increases by last minute efforts by leading congressmen. They are seeking a compromise formula on ways to regulate oil prices. It is a difficult task made more difficult by *President Ford's threat that* he will block any extension of controls unless his plans are accepted by Congress.

The oil pricing issue is the major domestic political question in Washington. Senator Mike Mansfield, the Senate majority leader, and Mr Carl Albert, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, have assured Mr Ford that they will deal with the oil issue as the first order of business when Congress returns from its summer holiday on Wednesday.

The choice before Congress this week will be no different to the one that it had to face *in the final weeks of July, when* it decided to reject President Ford's plan for a radual phasing-out of controls over 39 months and pass instead a Bill to extend controls for six months.

The administration now hopes that an arrangement can be worked out this week whereby the *President can approve the* Bill extending controls for six months, then sign a Bill hastily put together by Congress to extend controls for a maximum of 60 days, dated retroactively to September 1.

This indicates Mr Ford accepts the fact that it might take a few weeks for Congress to pass the legislation necessary to cover his phasing out of controls.

Saigon drive against 'sex beer' stalls

Saigon, Sept 1.—The Saigon authorities have launched a campaign to clean up the South Vietnamese capital's black markets, and arrested alleged illicit gold dealers said to have been operating on the city's streets.

The campaign, run by Government security forces and students, is also aimed at the pavement coffee stalls that sprang up after the fall of the Thieu regime.

The stalls, many of them run by former bargirls and poor students, offered drinks called "sex coffee" or "sex beer". The black marketeers traded in a variety of household goods, furniture, medicine and bicycle spares.

Former officers of the ousted regime are returning to their homes and families after political rehabilitation courses.

Among those who returned recently to Saigon was General Nguyen Van Vy, a former Defence Minister, who chose to remain in South Vietnam after the takeover.

Saigon newspapers reported recently the arrests of street *gold dealers. The official news*paper, *Giaiphong*, has accused the country's only gold leaf manufacturer, the Kim Thann Company, of being involved in a plot to enable Vietnamese nationals to escape abroad.

The newspaper said the company arranged for a number of wealthy Chinese and former officers of the Thieu regime to escape abroad, but that all had been detained and were awaiting trial. Those detained were picked up in the Nha Be district, seven miles from Saigon, on August 22. Four days later Saigon's military administration seized the company's headquarters here.

The capital's military management committee, whose clean-up campaign appears to be succeeding, has also been continuing efforts to extend its relations with Vietnamese religious groups, after a meeting with Roman Catholics near Saigon.

At a meeting last week in the Rex Theatre, a senior member of the committee, Mr Mai Chi-Tho, addressed a thousand Buddhist monks and recalled their part in the national struggle.

"In the past the Buddhists were always side by side with the revolution in the fight against United States imperialism", Mr Tho said. "Now the Buddhists should cooperate with the revolution in the reconstruction of the country."

The meeting was attended by almost all the Buddhist sects in Vietnam.—Reuter.

Dacca's new foreign policy pleases China

From Our Own Correspondent
Peking, Sept 1

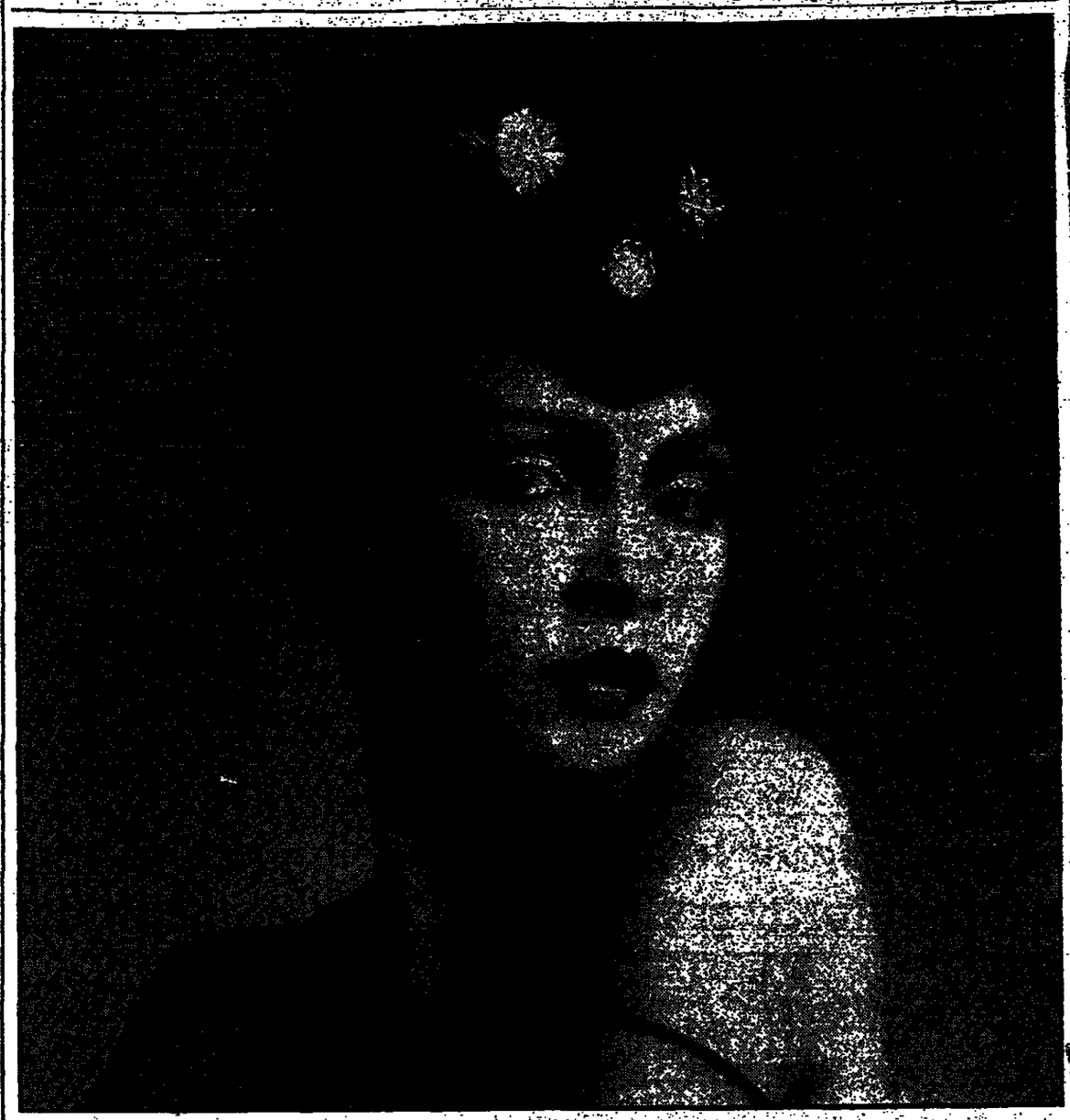
China's swift recognition of the new Bangladesh Govern*ment—announced last night*—is a sign of the satisfaction Peking feels at the foreign policy indicated by President Mushtaq.

Since the completion of the exchange of war prisoners between Bangladesh and Pakistan, China had no specific grudge against the new state. Earlier this year, an envoy of Shaikh Mujibur Rahman, the Prime Minister at the time, visited Peking and diplomatic ties were expected to be not far off.

Most important of all, the Chinese will welcome any signs of anti-Sovietism on President Mushtaq's part.

Fashion

by Prudence Glynn





● *Above: Three flowers used as hairpins*, designed and delicately made by Sarah Jones. Silver daisy, buttercup and ragged robin available to order from her at 27 Old Street, London, EC1, tel 01-253 3693. Prices £8, £7, £8, and may be gilded at an extra charge of £1.
● Left: Chinese antique kingfisher feather hair ornaments decorated with tiny coral beads. Available from the Real Jewelry department at Liberty's at £30 a pair. These were selected from a large range of hair ornaments to be seen from mid-September, and prices start at approximately £5. Exquisitely embroidered pure silk Chinese mandarin jacket, available from a selection at Liberty's Oriental Bazaar.
● Photographs by Clive Arrowsmith.
● Hair by John at Leonard.
● Make-up by Richard Sharah.



Right: Caricature in *The Westminister Gazette* (July, 1901), reprinted by the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds at 2d per dozen. The lady wears an assortment of ornamental plumage. A rhyme accompanying the cartoon ended:
I have found out a gift for my fair—
A pair of stork legs—think of that!
If they do look absurd
That's the fault of the bird,
Not to grow legs more fit for a hat.

Beauty in the eye of the peacock

The erogenous zones go around and around in fashion, so I suppose it was only to be expected that after 1974 had been the year of the streaker, the revelation of even those small areas which modern society mostly expects to be decently veiled, 1975 should be the year of the hair, which almost nobody bothers to cover now even for church.

Forty years ago no well-bred woman would be seen in the street without a hat, and some especially grand ladies even wore hats at home for entertaining. As a centre of sexual interest, hair had been discounted since the turn of the century, for naturally it comes into its own only when fashion demands a great deal of covering of other areas and leaves few avenues for attention. Thus in the Edwardian period the neck, face and hair were crucial focus areas over elaborate and artificially shaped dresses.

The liberation of clothing brought about *by the First World War gave designers* virtually the whole body to show off at different times, so hair went out of interest, cropped off or extinguished under the candle-snuffer cloches of the twenties.

Unlike other body areas which have been concealed or revealed according to the prevailing social climate, however, hair has something of a mystery all its own. Because it seems to grow after death, and it is preserved sometimes almost miraculously, it has been awarded strange magical properties by many people. Hair is, of course, inextricably bound into literature and myth—Kipling's woman lets down her hair to make the spells to catch the wild animals in the *Cat Who Walked by Himself*; the secret of Samson's strength lay in his hair. What makes the revival of attention to hair now interesting is that it looks like being the first unisex erogenous zone picked out by fashion.

If you think about it, the changes in men's hairstyles have been much more radical than those for women over the past 10 years. While their clothes remained in general surprisingly conventional, although those of their womenfolk were gyrating round every silhouette known to the imagination, men's hair went long and then short; men grew Zapata moustaches, beards (very much "in" again now), wore beadbands and pony tails in fringe groups, and generally signalled all sorts of things by way of their crowns. Television personalities were equipped with toupees; tough reporters such as John Pilger of the *Mirror* have carefully groomed and cut hair, I observe; now Kojak has made it chic to be as bald as an egg.

Obviously, when hair comes into focus as the erogenous zone there is a revival of interest in how to decorate it to make it as charming as possible. Significantly in view of the renaissance of what I call aesthetic dress—beautiful, soft, gently coloured clothes in flowing shapes—and when the Afro frizz originally seen as a protest hairstyle has been assimilated by society into delightful Pre-Raphaelite curls which go with the dresses, the shop which was the fashionable protagonist of these very ideas, Liberty in Regent Street, turns out to have commissioned hair ornaments as part of its centenary celebrations.

The charming small flowers by the young jeweller Sarah Jones were shown at the exhibition of inexpensive pieces staged recently at the Goldsmiths' Hall, and I thought they looked just right for hair. Ever since I saw the Etruscan gold pieces in Florence I have yearned for a wreath of oak leaves and acorns to wear on my own Sarah Bernhardt frizzy fringe, and that designers feel the same way seems to be indicated by the fact that Bill Gibb encouraged me to wear the contents of a bouquet I was carrying in my hair instead.

What distinguishes *modern hair orna*ments from those of previous eras, though, is that the modern ones are not involved in enhancing the stature—either literally, or figuratively—of the wearer. From antiquity "crowns", however constructed, have been used as devices to signal *authority or to increase the height of the* wearer. Although precious metals were early prized, one of the most popular and sought after additions to the costume of the great were feathers. Nodding plumes and spiky crests lent gracious or fearsome aspects to the wearer, indicated his prowess at hunting or his ability to pay huge sums for rare specimens of bird plumes. Notice I say "his" prowess, because while feathers remained the prerogative of the mighty few bird life was safe from exploitation and extinction. It was Fashion, and above all the fashion phenomenon that occurred in the mass market at the turn of the century, which perpetrated the cruelties and wasteful demolition of species outlined in Robin W. Doughty's new book, *Feather Fashions and Bird Preservation* (University of California Press, £5.75).

So much has been written about the conservation of animals and the iniquity of slaughtering endangered wildlife to serve the needs of vanity that the holocaust of birds sacrificed to decorate the hats of every shopgirl in 1900 has gone largely unremarked by fashion historians. When I was trying to research the point recently, I found facts hard to collect; so we should be grateful to Mr Doughty for a carefully documented account of how and where the plumage trade proceeded and the legislation introduced to curb it.

One of the first points which must strike the observer is that conservation and humanitarian controls were introduced on behalf of birds long before they were for animals, and in both cases America, perhaps because it was itself a source of supply for wildlife rather than just a receptive market, was ahead of Britain, for all our supposed sentimentality about animals.

The explanation for the delay in animal protection lies surely in the fact that although in many instances the hides and skins did serve no other purpose than that of fashion, equally before the invention of leather substitutes and synthetic furs and wadding the natural skins were necessary *for warmth and survival. Their trade could* thus be justified on purely practical grounds. It is only since science has provided plenty of alternatives that conservationists have been able to gain a real moral upper hand, and even then one wonders, in view of the huge trade in synthetics which look as much as possible like the original and rare beast, just how far the message has sunk into the mass market.

The promotion of the wildlife preservation lobby always strikes me as extraordinary, for it encourages women to wear fakes of creatures instead of trying to make the whole idea of wearing anything remotely resembling an endangered species disgusting. But then maybe it has had to operate on the "better to marry than burn" policy in the face of fashion demand.

Mr Doughty, no fashion expert, remarks without the cynicism more knowledge of the caprices of *la mode* might have given him that in spite of all the high-minded and admirable efforts to kill the trade in plumage, it was the change in fashion *brought about by the First World War* that actually stopped the slaughter.

What made the trade so scandalous was that feathers were sought purely and simply for decoration, for fashion. Nobody could possibly claim that they needed feathers to keep dry or warm. Indeed one of the first steps in preservation was Queen Victoria's agreement that regimental uniforms which had incorporated them could seek substitutes.

Meanwhile, however, 200 million birds, Mr Doughty estimates, were being killed to decorate hats annually at the turn of the century. Whole colonies of egrets (white heron) were shot on their nests and their chicks left to starve because it was the "marriage dress" feathers of the wretched bird that ladies most fancied. Lord Avebury's protective Bill of 1908, introduced in the House of Lords, was killed by the Commons, and it was not until 1921 that real restrictions were placed on the plumage trade in this country.

By then, of course, feathers were out of fashion.

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Pauline Collins engaged at the National

Pauline Collins, small, neat, with amazing blue eyes, is appearing with what she calls "one of those exotic companies", the National Theatre, in W. S. Gilbert's play *Engaged*, which opens on Wednesday. It is the centenary year of Gilbert and Sullivan, and there is the D'Oyly Carte at the Festival Hall, *The Black Mikado* at the Cambridge, and *Tarantara! Tarantara!* at the Westminster in case anybody didn't know.

"Nobody has ever thought of Gilbert as being a particularly worthwhile dramatist—though it's a *very* funny play. I wonder if Wilde took the idea of *The Importance of being Earnest* from it—there are so many similarities, though the characters in *Engaged* are always angry with one another, it really does contain some *awful* people! I play Minnie Symperson, which is everything that the name implies—minnying and sympersoning. An elderly Cecily—full circle, you might say." She appeared as Cecily at the Haymarket some years ago.

The early years were a lot harder, of course. "Until I appeared in *Upstairs, Downstairs* in 1970 I had never earned more than £950 in a year—I then passed the thousand mark, up to £1,500 it was—and that was after having started in 1962."

Originally she trained as a teacher of English and Drama, and said to herself that if she couldn't live on what she earned as an actress, she would go back to teaching, and in bad moments did supply teaching. "All my family wanted to go on the stage tremendously, and they all ended up as teachers. But I think it's an indulgence—there are a lot of people who think we should demand full employment, but it's impossible to hope for that." Sooner or later, she feels, audiences tire of an actor. "The time comes for you to go, as I expect to do."

There's the business of criticism, too. Pauline Collins has had her share of bad notices. "It is painful at the time, though I suppose the more you get, the less you tend to bother about it. The terrible thing is that there is an amount of truth in all of it. All we have to sell is ourselves—even if people don't want to see us. One of the things that I tell myself is at least 50 per cent of the audience won't like you anyway, because of the way you smile, or the way you say your Rs or Ss—so you must do your best for the other 50 per cent, or 2 per cent if that's all that's left."

Though she has appeared as Lady Teazle in *School for Scandal* on television, she has not, so far, taken any classic roles. "Gillian Diamond remembers me auditioning for her for the Royal Shakespeare and telling her that I didn't like Shakespeare. . . . I think I really *don't* see myself in Shakespearian roles." How about Beatrice, the girl born under a dancing star? "More a lightweight Lady Macbeth when I'm 45.

"I really like to do new plays by new writers—there's nothing more delightful than creating a part when you don't know *what* is going to happen to it. With classical plays, so many people have been there before you, you are compared to other great performances, and there are no surprises for the audiences. I do like surprises very much.

"I would like some talented person to come in with a script and say 'I have written this, would you like to do it?' I think new playwrights are given a very hard time by the critics. John (Alderton) and I did a play called *Judies* which ran for a spectacularly short time at Hampstead—originally it was a radio play by David Fitzsimmons. People got rather carried away and transferred it to the Comedy. I think it was reviewed unnecessarily harshly in the West End—for a first play it was wonderful. After the first night, having decided not to throw himself into the Serpentine, David gave in his notice (he was a teacher) and went off to write."

Pauline Collins also writes. "I'd love to do a lot more, but I'm not sure I've got the proportions of inspiration and perspiration quite right. I have written two or three plays and a couple of short stories. I find the best time is about 3 o'clock in the morning, but as I don't type there is more talking about writing than actually putting pen to paper. In the white winter of my age I'll go off to a cottage somewhere and sit down at a desk."

In the meantime, the previews of *Engaged* are relaxing ("first nights really are a terrible mistake. People should just *sneak in*"). She loves playing in comedy, but regrets that people are inclined to regard talents as wasted in comedy. Even in television there is still this attitude. "Once we required a particular piece of equipment and we could only have it as long as Drama didn't need it."

Two small girls came up afterwards inquiring where was the lady from *No, Honestly?* Gone, gone, to be Minnie Symperson—until the end of November.

Philippa Toomey

Sebastiano Ricci: a Venetian historical painter at Passariano

Two important if contrasting artistic events should make the north-east of Italy particularly attractive to visitors throughout the summer of next year. In the palatial Villa Manin at Passariano, not far from the capital of Friuli, Udine, a full-scale exhibition of the paintings of Sebastiano Ricci is being organized by an international committee, under the vigorous guidance of Dr Aldo Rizzi, director of the Civic Museums of Udine, who was responsible for rescuing the villa from a state of near dereliction, opening it to the public in 1971 with the staggering Tiepolo exhibition, which attracted 325,000 visitors.

A special conference hall has now been created at the villa, offering the very latest in technological aids, and this was recently the venue for a congress of art historians on Ricci, with the aim of collating the large amount of rather scattered material on him published in the past 30 years or so. Ricci was born at Belluno, just about equidistant from Venice and Udine, in 1659, and after an early career punctuated by numerous hair-raising escapades involving various females established his reputation as an historical painter in Venice in the very first years of the eighteenth century. Tempted to England by the hope of decorating the dome of St Paul's, he had to be content with mostly private, if noble patronage, executing several schemes of which important traces survive, notably at Burlington House, Piccadilly, and Chiswick House, originally commissioned by Lord Burlington. The apse of the chapel of the Royal Hospital, Chelsea, still bears his *Resurrection*, one of the few examples in England of Rococo religious art, while at Hampton Court an important collection of works by Sebastiano, in some cases assisted by his nephew Marco (1676-1730), a distinguished painter of landscape, bears witness to the excellent taste of the young George III, who acquired most of them from Consul Joseph Smith in 1762. Ricci made so much money in England that he was able on his return to Venice to take an apartment overlooking the Piazza San Marco, where he lived "alla grande" until 1734, when he fell a victim to contemporary surgery. His work is elegant and colourful, highly decorative and rapidly returning to fashion as prices at auction testify, and the exhibition should make possible a real reassessment of a painter who looked for inspiration to the great Venetians of the sixteenth century, especially Veronese, and thus provided it for his successors, above all G. B. Tiepolo.

As a foretaste, an exhibition of Ricci's drawings is being presented at Udine this year, from October 20. Although the volume of some 200 drawings at Windsor will not be included as it still has its original Consul Smith binding, the very similar collection from the Accademia, Venice, will be on show, as the drawings were removed from the volume and mounted some years ago. It is nevertheless hoped that an important large drawing belonging to the British Museum, and unpublished, will be available.

The opening of the Ricci paintings exhibition at the Villa Manin is scheduled for early June, 1976, and at the same time in Venice the new Biennale is promised. Intensive discussions have resulted in two important decisions which look like ensuring that a repetition of the disaster of 1974, when the whole thing was called off at the last minute, will be avoided. A theme has been agreed upon, the environment, which is vague and capacious enough to offend nobody, and even more important, the artistic autonomy of the participating countries has been guaranteed. This latter was apparently the great stumbling block, certain political groups feeling that the artists from each country should be chosen by a central selection committee, and others that the maximum individual freedom should be allowed. In the end practical considerations prevailed, as seems only reasonable, since the participating countries pay all their own expenses, including the upkeep of the pavilions, and in any case no selection committee, however omniscient, could possibly be aware of all the developments in the arts in every country represented. Perhaps a version of Sue Grayson's enormously successful and stimulating *Art into Landscape* exhibition, now touring the country, would make an appropriate British contribution?

Jeffery Daniels



Courtesy Crown Commissioners

Detail from Sebastiano Ricci's Resurrection at the Royal Hospital, Chelsea

Die Fledermaus
Staatsoper, Berlin

Paul Moor

Non-Germans tend to find the epithet "Pfui!" comical, but it denotes the ultimate in indignant disapproval and Germans take it seriously indeed. It came in for quite a bit of service during the opening act of Ruth Berghaus's new production of Johann Strauss's operetta masterpiece *Die Fledermaus* at the German State Opera on the Unter den Linden.

Ruth Berghaus, Helene Weigel's successor as director of the Berliner Ensemble, has in the past, especially in her German State Opera production of *Der Freischütz*, uninhibitedly trodden on the corns of opera-loving traditionalists here. They came to the premiere of *Die Fledermaus* prepared to fight back, and the end of the trio early on in Act I gave them the occasion to burst into full cry.

Miss Berghaus had ruffled them by depicting the *dramatis personne* with fidelity to the libretto: as petty, conniving, hypocritical, parasitic swindlers and two-timers, regardless of their strictly superficial overlay of overrated *Wiener Charme*. The traditionalists wanted the saccharine, bogus never-never-land of most productions; Miss Berghaus sardonically gave them something more closely approximating reality, and for that they could not forgive her.

Surprisingly, the traditionalists got literally shouted down by the adherents to *realistisches Musiktheater*, which seemed so to take the old guard aback that they remained quiescent until Miss Berghaus's appearance during the final curtain-calls ignited a veritable explosion of boos. She bowed low, laughing, then tossed the end of her feather boa over her shoulder and swept off, head unregenerately high.

In view of the circumstances and the location in the capital of the German Democratic Republic, one might have expected an even more revolutionary conception, for this one apparently hardly touches Maurice Béjart's *Merry Widow* production which left the Brussels premiere audience apoplectic a few years ago. Miss Berghaus makes it quite clear what she thinks of the leading characters in this operetta. At times, however, her ironic view comes close to spilling over into a contemptuous attitude towards the work itself.

During Prince Orlofsky's second-act party, for instance, Miss Berghaus dispenses altogether with masks—an odd touch in view of all the people who turn up claiming other identities. One may justifiably regard them as simple minded when they fail to recognize one another, even masked, but this degree of simple mindedness seems really excessive.

Miss Berghaus, originally a dancer and choreographer, also makes curious use of eight ballerinas during that same act. With almost no variation, they simply rotate slowly, all alone, as if in their own private, interior, freaked-out worlds, without even so much as a pass made at them by all those lecherous sybarites sopping up champagne till their eyes bubble.

This house's Austrian *Generalmusikdirektor* Otmar Suitner obviously revels in the music, and so does the cast, headed by Edeltraud Blanke, Annelies Burmeister, Günther Leib, Isabella Nawe, Ruggiero Orofino, and Martin Ritzmann. Andreas Reinhardt has designed sets and costumes which neatly balance opulence with a somehow threatening, lowering sombreness, even (especially?) in the party scene.

Robbie
BBC 1

Stanley Reynolds

After the inspired lunacy of the concert party from *It Ain't Half Hot Mum* crashing in an aeroplane, Fyfe Robertson's flight down memory lane seemed rather earthbound on Thursday. But then *Robbie* is only real life or, at least, Fyfe Robertson's version of it. The series, which brings Britain's most mimicked voice and impersonated television manner back to the screen, is actually a rather esoteric form of biography with Robertson talking about himself and his life while telling us about motor cars or aeroplanes. It is an easy-going format if a trifle gimmicky. The Ian Campbell song, which opens and closes the programme, telling us about Robbie and how he still has a lot to say is undoubtedly a bit too much.

But Robertson, at 74, is an extraordinary character. He took to the air on Thursday in the open cockpit of an ancient biplane and told the helicopter which was carrying the camera crew to buzz off so he could have a good time flying. He only had, he said, flown all over the place in jets and he remembers boredom and indigestion, but he has never forgotten any of his flights in a light aircraft.

We heard a bit about Alcock and Brown and saw Concorde making that ungainly goose-like leap of hers into the air and then soaring off all beautiful into the sky. Then Robertson found an old flying boat and some old pictures of glamorous people of the thirties flying in her.

Then he was up again, this time in a bright red Rapide biplane with red and white striped propellers which made pretty patterns in the air like a pinwheel. The aeroplane, Robbie said, has caused more heartbreak and misery than good and he was not too fond of jets, but it had all happened in his lifetime and wasn't it a lot of fun getting there, from Kitty Hawk to Concorde? A pleasant if scatty essay: next week Robbie looks at food and changing eating habits.

Crossing Niagara
ICA

Irving Wardle

As a substitute for its mobile operations outside London, the National Theatre has taken over the ICA theatre for a two-month season of studio productions, opening with this two-character piece by the Peruvian playwright Alonso Alegria.

From a hasty glance at the ICA handout, it appears that Mr Alegria crossed the Niagara in 1860 on the shoulders of the great Blondin. The play is not quite as exotic as that, but it is certainly a dramatic import of unusual interest. Blondin, having already made the crossing on stilts, trundling a wheelbarrow, and frying eggs on the wire, did take a boy across on his fifteenth trip. And for Mr Alegria this raises the questions, did he do it and who was the boy?

To some extent both questions are resolved in the figure of Carlo, a self-styled scientist aged 18 who bursts into Blondin's hotel bedroom bitterly criticizing him for cooking only eight eggs instead of the advertised 12, and exhorting him to abandon the wire altogether and walk on space. Irritated and then reluctantly impressed by this cantankerous disciple who wants to turn him from a showman into a god, Blondin invites him to share the next crossing. Before it happens, Carlo confesses his terror: but once on the wire, it is Blondin who falls into a paralysis of panic, and Carlo who wrenches him out of it and talks him over.

The piece is a good deal more than a cliff-hanger, although one of the achievements of John Russell Brown's production is the vertiginous suspense it creates from the spectacle of two figures standing a mere five feet above floor level. It is also concerned with the sources of physical courage, and the desire for human transcendence. Blondin is brave because wire-walking is the only trade he knows. Carlo develops courage through his desire to overcome a childhood humiliation; and because he is obsessed almost to the point of madness by the idea of total freedom. And it is at this point that the two opening questions diverge.

According to Carlo, they will succeed only if they transform themselves into a third gymnast whom he names Icaron. Icaron is born while they are practising in the hotel room, and at that moment the hotel goes up in flames. How they escape is never explained; nor does Icaron play a decisive role during the crossing itself. The mental line of the play does not connect with its two climaxes. What remains, and gets vividly projected by Gawn Grainger and Andrew Byatt, is a growing and believable relationship between the two men who exchange dominant and subordinate roles as much according to personal temperament as to the tension between experience and vision.

Monteverdi Choir/ Gardiner
Westminster Cathedral/ Radio 3

Alan Blyth

Performers and audience, although for different purposes, were practically hanging from the chandeliers in Westminster Cathedral for Thursday's Prom. Indeed the BBC should really issue specific seats to avoid the confusion among the public in the future. As usual, John Eliot Gardiner dispersed his singers and players to the farthest corners of the building. If on this occasion, with a mixed programme, there was altogether too much coming and going in the first half, it was all done in the good cause of the imaginative sequence of baroque music he had compiled to demonstrate the period's variety of achievement.

Nothing in the long evening surpassed the grave beauty of Gesualdo's *Ave dulcissima Maria* almost at the start. With the choir in the gallery at the extreme east end, the rich work seemed to float across the intervening spaces with an ethereal serenity, timeless music that begins almost apologetically and then flowers marvellously in intense chromatic writing at "O Maria".

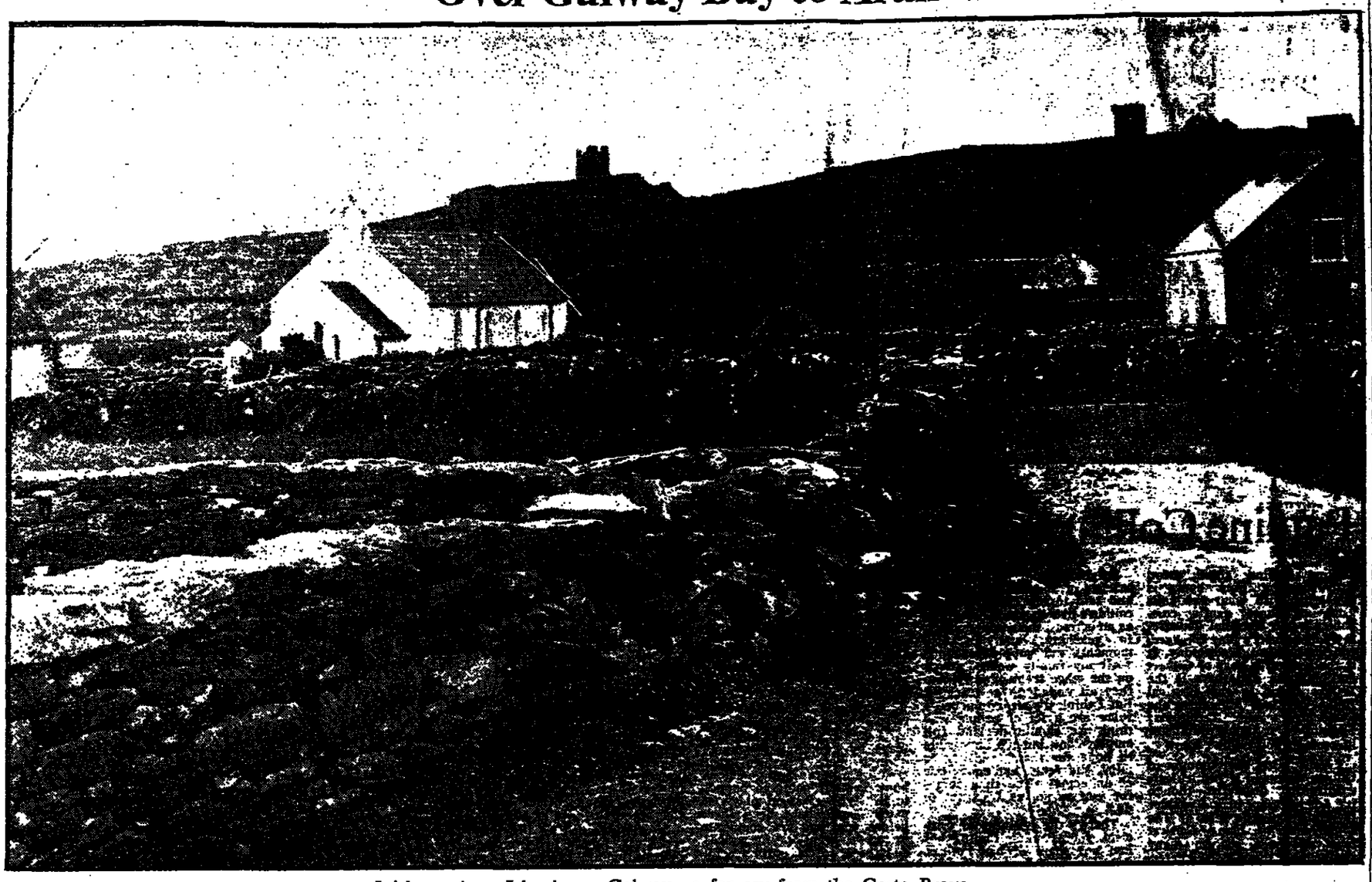
Problems of muddied texture, pinched soprano tone, and tentative brass playing afflicted Gabrieli's *O quam gloriosa* and Schütz's rather pale and austere *Veni Sancte Spiritus*. The latter composer was heard to better advantage in *O bone Jesu*, where the homophonic writing was more striking than the earlier polyphonic style and where the sopranos Jill Gomez and Jennifer Smith, the alto John Angelo Messana, with their accompanying lutes, came among us in the nave galleries. Schütz often creates wonders from the romantic-like text, matching its metaphorical shafts with his own kind of expressive illumination.

That led naturally to Buxtehude's more florid motet, *Benedicam Dominum* with much verbal repetition and grand effects. Mr Gardiner realized that the music is more ornate and allowed it plenty of room to breathe. Philip Langridge and Michael Rippon joined the higher soloists to form a fine quintet.

The Monteverdi Choir's exertions were far from at an end, with a taxing second half devoted to the nineteenth century. Bruckner, in his motets, has the best of about four musical worlds, and never outstays his welcome as he can in his symphonies. The four chosen by Mr Gardiner showed the immense variety in those works, and were performed with breadth and conviction.

Travel

Over Galway Bay to Aran



Inisheer, Aran Islands, co Galway—a far cry from the Costa Brava

The boat for the Aran Islands leaves from Rosaveal, on the north arm of Galway Bay, at 10 am, or thereabouts. By 10.20 the boatman had tired of waiting for two expected islanders and pushed off from the quay. They arrived, and back we came, primarily for the pleasure of calling them sleepyheads and heaping the blame for the declining state of the nation on their shoulders. They accepted all the abuse, climbed aboard and claimed that their car had broken down. It hardly mattered whether the story was true; it was not queried, and the smiles returned.

The journey across to Kilronan, on Inishmore, takes just under an hour and a half, and on a fine day is one of the best and cheapest (£3.50 return) ways of seeing Galway Bay. The hills of Connemara always stay in sight; porpoises arch through the air close to the shore; cormorants dive and look pleased with themselves for coming up where they were least expected. The three islands of Aran keep close to the water, gray with splodges of yellow broom, virtually treeless as is much of Connemara.

The only commercial sign on Kilronan quay advertises Mrs Mullen's Bicycle Hire. The half dozen visitors on the boat did what they were told and hired. They pedalled off with warnings to return at 5 pm sharp for the boat, but if the afternoon sun transmuted them into sleepyheads then the boatman's teenage mate would doubtless have done some rounding-up. If, however, you have luggage and are staying the night bike is not the best means of transport. A call from the island post office up the hill will turn one of Aran's 50 cars into a temporary taxi.

Inishmore deserves more than an afternoon on two wheels. J. M. Synge came here each summer from 1898 to 1902, a romantic attracted by an outpost where Gaelic was the natural language although he himself was not a Gaelic speaker. In *The Aran Islands* he plays on the bleakness. The rain is constantly bouncing off the black rock while the islanders huddle round a smoking peat fire telling stories. When the curraghs put out to carry the doctor from one island to another they usually bring the priest along too, which might avoid a second braving of the waves but is scarcely flattering to medicine.

On a fine May day it does not look like that at all. Aran is a place for wandering along the lanes formed by rock walls varying between waist and head height, for sitting on the deserted beaches on the north face or in the fields where the pink and purple orchids grow amidst the saxifrage and cowslips. On the south coast the cliffs drop sheer to the sea, a reflection of Moher on the shores of County Clare opposite.

The cottages used for Robert Flaherty's documentary *Man of Aran* 40 years ago are still there; at low tide solitary figures gather the seaweed and stack it to dry on the walls of the ruined kelp tower. Electricity is expected to be installed by late summer, but I suspect that many of the houses will go on using the gas brackets with dangling brass chains carefully labelled OFF and ON. Amazingly for Ireland, none of the two dozen or so places offering accommodation coincides with the six licensed premises on the islands according to the scrupulously accurate map (50p) published by T. D. Robinson, the first I believe since the turn of the century. Take your own bottles and corkscrew. Opening hours are variable: the bizarrely styled American Bar at Kilronan is often serving when it appears to be closed, but *John Dirrane* at Fearann an Choirce does not unbolt much before 9.00 p.m. except, I'm told, in high summer. Steve Dirrane, in the same village, provides one of the best breakfasts to be had in Ireland.

The return to the mainland can be made, apart from the Rosaveal boat, by ferry to Galway, but check on the times. If it calls in at the other islands the journey may take longer than you anticipate. The quick alternative is by Aer Arann's ten seater Britton-Norman Islander, which takes 20 minutes from the grass landing strip to Oranmore, just outside Galway (£7.50 return or £5 single). If the day is good persuade the pilot to fly over Moher and lunar craters of the Burren in Clare. It needs a trip on foot to see the blue spring gentian of this almost Swiss part of Ireland, but the aerial view is spectacular.

Oughterard, just under 20 miles north-west of Galway, is a pleasant town close to Lough Corrib, and a good base from which to explore Connemara. The Currevagh Hotel is on the shores of the Lough and has a *number of gastronomic awards*, but the stern warning on each of its signs NO CASUAL MEALS means exactly what it says. Sweeney's, five minutes' walk from the centre of town, and splendidly set among the chestnut trees on the river bank, is much less formal. The fishermen have a big bar on which to lean and to boast, while handsome dogs roll on the grass.

The best hotel for sorties to Ireland's largest island, Achill, is Newport House in County Mayo. The town itself has little of interest, unlike bustling Westport 10 miles down the road, with a market, fine sloping streets and Westport House with its incongruous mixture of good paintings upstairs and go-karts and pinball machines in the dungeons. If there have to be go-karts, then the dungeons are as good a place as any to keep them. Newport House is more fastidious and has one of the best Bordeaux lists, red and white, in the West, with the food to match, Irish or Strasbourgeois according to the day and season. Most people come here to fish, but it is only 20 miles by the coast road through Mulrany to Achill Island.

On Aran there are complaints about the rabbits, which no one seems prepared to eat or even to kill. They sit outside their burrows proprietorially when they are not gobbling the lettuces in the back gardens, turning the place into a vast Watership Down. On Achill the present scourge is foxes, who have taken advantage of the causeway linking the island to the mainland to come and visit the local chickens. Before the road across the strip of water Achill was fox-free.

The rows of caravans and drab new houses are off-putting. But first impressions are false. The southbound coast road to Cloghmore provides grandly romantic views of the mainland and Achillbeg Island. The north and west of Achill, with the mountains hard against the sea, are equally impressive and there are a number of beaches. But it is worth taking local advice on the currents, which can be treacherous. Achill offers a considerable variety of accommodation, most of it seasonal. So again the advice is to check locally.

Excursions from Newport can be made around the North Mayo coast, sparsely inhabited, where it is possible to drive for miles without seeing anything more than a donkey cart or a solitary peat-cutter. Take a packed lunch if you decide to go, because this is not the part of Ireland for dropping in for a meal when the mood inclines.

The alternative is to go to Sligo, an easy morning's drive; the northern route via Crossmolina and the River Moy estuary is more attractive than the busier southern road. Sligo is Yeats and Yeats is Sligo. Rosses Point has now become rather commercial, with a dual carriageway grandly cutting off the village. It is worth getting off the road and exploring the Sligo estuary, with its multitude of sea birds, on foot. Every second bar here and in Drumcliff, where Yeats is buried, seems to have taken the poet's name, although no one yet appears to have thought of Yeats's Wine Lodge. Try the Elsinore, called after the home of the Middleton family who owned most of this peninsular and were close friends of the young Yeats. Sligo gives the impression of keeping most of its secrets close to its chest; there is no yielding to the casual visitor.

It is worth taking time on the road south to skirt Lough Gill and go across country to Lough Arrow in Leitrim and on to Boyle. Breaffy Castle, a few miles outside Castlebar, is a useful overnight stop on the way back to Shannon and Galway. The countryside is dull by West Coast standards, but Breaffy is set well back from the main road and has fine woods and pastureland falling away behind the garden.

Reading: *The Companion-Guide to Ireland*, by Brendan Lehane, Collins, £3. Less comprehensive on the west of the country than on the east, but accurate and fair-minded.

The Aran Islands, by J. M. Synge, included in *Four Plays*, OUP, 90p.

W. B. Yeats, by Joseph Hone, Pelican, 70p. More than 30 years old now, but still the standard biography.

Ireland in Colour, text by Terence Sheehy and photographs by Noel Habgood, Batsford, £6.

How to get there: B & I car ferry to Cork from Swansea, overnight or by day according to the date. Details from Reliance House, Walker St, Liverpool.

Aer Lingus or British Airways to Shannon. Any number of package deals are available from caravan and farmhouse holidays to fly-drive arrangements with car rental companies and hotel groups. Further information from the Irish Tourist Board, 150 New Bond Street, London, W1.

John Higgins

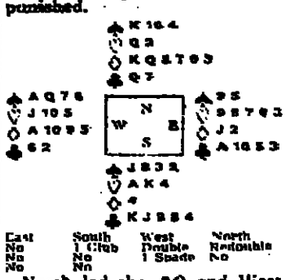
Bridge

Muddled ideas

However limited his experience of the wiles of the tournament player everyone is supposed to know when, in the course of a rubber, he should be looking for a score above or below the line. The beginner is taught to place a particular, if not a conventional, value on the most ordinary overbid and then he finds that he is deceived by opponents who double for a take-out on the flimsiest material. He becomes more confused when his partner treats an immediate overbid as indicating a weak hand unless the opponents bid has first been doubled. As for a redouble, he imagines that it invites partner to rebid when by introducing it he has himself assumed control of the auction.

Without going so far as to condemn modern methods of *teaching* whereby values *in* points are attached to every kind of bid, I can safely assert that the take-out double on a weak hand is insufficiently punished.

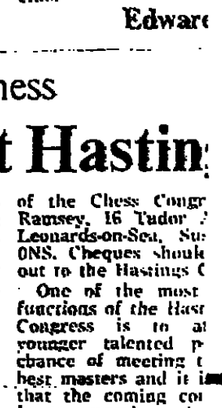
North South game; dealer East.



East	South	West	North
No	1 Club	Double	Redouble
No	No	1 Spade	No
No	No		

North led the ♣Q and West took four tricks losing 150 instead of either 500 or the rubber. Should South have doubled or ventured Two Clubs? One No Trump is not attractive on a hand with disjointed clubs and a singleton diamond. The Redouble invited cooperation, but what form was it to take? North defended his pass of One Spade by announcing that his Redouble was unconditionally forcing; but a little reflection shows that, except by pre-arrangement, such an interpretation is illogical. He accepted the onus of further action by redoubling shirked it on the nex because he lacked the either to double or to No Trumps. He had accustomed to playing

When a hand has a rial for a genuine D One Club the holder o fers to bid One No Tru has 15 or more point double guard in Cl should be punished lessly forcing his partn if he must rescue int suit, at the Two leve usually escapes with t 100. In the next d actually made his con East West game; deal



South	West	North	Score
1 Club	1 No Trump	Pass	
No	No		

South's One Club conventional and Nort because he knew from points that, if West wa East must have yarborough. Having b to count instead of North made his firs in opening with a si instead of a club. T were cleared and We ♣Q which North al partner to win. Sout the ♣J to the ♣Q led the ♠J which Nort A third Spade put play and he cashed winning hearts. S already discarded th ◇3; he now perforce two clubs and West the ◇9 and ◇J.

Misinterpreting his signal in diamonds N his final mistake by diamond to the ◇Q West played his ♠3 t ♠10 and South was between dummy's West's ♣A9. This i of Bridge that is pla club.

Edward

Chess

Battles at Hastin

Hastings was thronged with visitors when I went there last week to join in the discussions about how we were to organize the next great international tournament there. As I made my way through the crowds down Robertson Street towards the Town Hall where our committee meeting was to be held, my mind went back to that exciting time when last I saw such crowds there, which was, a long time ago when, as a boy of sixteen, I took part in my first really successful championship and came second in the British Boys' Championship.

One of those who took a strong interest in our tournament was the late H. E. Dobell, a quiet, gentle man who accomplished an enormous amount for Hastings chess. The great international tournament of 1895, the most important event of its kind ever to be held in this country and one of the landmarks in the history of chess, was conceived and fashioned almost entirely by him. The tournament book, published by Chatto and Windus, Piccadilly, in 1896, tells how a London expert and three local enthusiasts, wandering along the quiet roads of Hastings one summer night discussed the possibilities of a great tournament and hatched the plot "near the fairy dell of St Andrew's Arch". But, as the introduction says, Mr Dobell never let the matter slip and pursued the idea with the utmost enthusiasm.

With the inducement of a big prize fund, all the world's leading players entered for a mammoth contest that comprised 22 players.

Among them was the world champion, Emanuel Lasker, and his chief rival Dr Tarrasch. There were the former world champion, Steinitz, and the almost legendary Tchigorin.

I committed the error of being born about 50 years too late. But I do have two links with that event. One was Samuel Tinsley, who was *The Times* chess correspondent, and the other was the late Sir George Thomas with whom I played many times in the earlier part of my chess career and who once told me that he acted as demonstration boy at the great 1895 event.

There was another important international tournament held at Hastings some 24 years later, the Hastings Victory tournament of 1919, which was won by Capablanca; but the series of which the projected 1975-76 event will be the 51st, really commence in 1920. Looking down the list of winners I see such great names as Rubinstein, Euwe, Maroczy, Alekhine, Vidmar, Tartakower, Marshall, Capablanca, Flohr, Fine, Reshevsky, Szabo, Alexander, Gligoric, Bronstein, Smyslov, Keres, Korchnoi, Larsen, Botvinnik, Tal, Spassky, Hort, Portisch, and Karpov. No other town and no other country can rival such a list and it would obviously be a disaster for British chess if the list were allowed to come to an end.

That, sentiment apart, is why I am so happy that the event is now assured for the coming year, and why I was so delighted with Zetter's generous sponsorship. But, financially speaking, the matter is still touch and go. More money is needed to make the tournament a complete and resounding success. All those who would like to help can send a donation to the treasurer of the Chess Congr Ramsey, 16 Tudor Leonards-on-Sea, Su ONS. Cheques shoul out to the Hastings C

One of the most functions of the Hast Congress is to a younger talented p chance of meeting t best masters and it i that the coming co be no exception. A who I hope will pl 1975-76 tournament i pean Junior Champ Nunn. He has just first in the Masters the IBM tournament dam and how vigo played there emerge following game w played in the fifth ro the best of Holland's

White: R. Dieks. *Nunn*, QGD Tarrasch

1 P-Q4 N-KB3 1 B-
2 N-KB3 P-K3 2 P-
3 P-KB4 P-B4 3 P-

We have passed position from the En ing to the Tarrasch the Queen's Gambit opening it is essentia to maintain firm cor Q4 square and in that follow it is ap the player of the W does not understand

6 ... P-B3 8 PxP
7 Q-Q2 B-K2
... A clear sign of thi comprehension is sh pawn exchange. C
8 Kt-B3.
8 ... P-QR3
9 QKt-Q2 O-O

White's abandonm Q4 square borders obsession. Instead have practically re previous anti-position

10 Kt-Kt3, B-Kt3; 1
10 Kt-K5 B-Kt1 11 P-
11 Kt-Q3 B-Kt3 12 Kt
12 Kt-KB3 B-Kt3

All this has been played by Nunn who fully exploited th offered by his oppo ment. Now the White ushered into a stat paralysis.

13 O-O Kt-K1
Threatening 16. hence White's next
16 Kt-K2 Kt-Kt2 17
In his desperat creates another, and rests along the dia QR7.

17 Kt-Q2 Kt-K2 20 K
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19 P-B5 Kt-KB3.

Or 21 Kt-Q3, QRxP Kt-B4; 23 Q-B2. Black wins.

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Harry G

Gardening

Flowers which plant themselves

Always, when a self-sown seedling appears in my garden, if it is not in too ridiculously impossible a place, I let it grow. If that is its chosen spot, fine, let it flourish and it usually does.

We have white and red valerian seeding themselves in between paving slabs and in walls, we have *Erinus alpinus* in chinks in walls four or five feet high, *Campanula persicifolia* and *Cotoneaster horizontalis* on top of an eight-foot wall, presumably growing from seeds deposited by birds.

But this year a curious thing has happened. In the two borders behind our old house we have always had the odd white flowered plant of the opium poppy, *Papaver somniferum*, although in 20 years we have never sown any seed of this poppy. This year we have *dozens* of seedlings, red, pink and white. A friend has had the same strange experience and, like me, he has never sown this poppy in his garden, and he too has lived there for 20 years.

We know that seeds can remain dormant in the ground for many years and then, as happened on the bombed sites, come to the surface and germinate. The large double flowered strain of this poppy, usually sold as the paeony flowered mixture, is a good border flower with a colour range of white through pinks to scarlet.

Perhaps we have been rather too bedazzled by some of the newer varieties of border flowers—annual and perennial, and I am going to leave space for more of the older favourites next year. True, we have plenty of self-sown honesty, purple and white.

The gorgeously scented white and purple rocket *Hesperis matronalis*, another biennial, used to grow in our borders, but it disappeared so we will try to establish it again on a self seeding basis.

Thinking over the plants that used to be the mainstay of the cottage garden—and, of course, in many cases still are, we have the Madonna lily, *Lilium candidum*. This lovely lily is unfortunately prone to botrytis disease and needs spraying regularly with a fungicide. However, *Lilium regale*, white with purple markings on the outside of the flower, can stand in for the Madonna lily and is not likely to suffer from disease.

Pinks too have tended to disappear from our gardens because they dwindle away after a few years, and it is necessary to root some cuttings each summer to keep stocks going.

I think the best value in our two mixed borders this year has been the dwarf red hot poker, *Kniphofia* Bees' Sunset. It started to flower in mid June and is still producing lovely orange flower spikes. There are several of these dwarf red hot pokers 2½ to 3½ feet high, in various shades.

I have long since given up grieving unduly if a plant decides it does not like our garden. The stately Acanthus species and varieties steadfastly refuse to grow, yet only a quarter of a mile away they flourish. We have tried for years to persuade the Chinese lantern plant, *Physalis franchetii*, to grow because its red everlasting "lanterns" are so useful in winter. It languishes and dies, but friends complain that it is too invasive in their garden.

To me the seed trials at the Royal Horticultural Society's Wisley garden are always fascinating, more than to most people I suppose, because I spent almost 10 years in the seed trade and I can see how much or how little various plants have been changed at the hands of the plant breeders. I almost wrote "improved"; most breeders consider any divergence from the normal to be an improvement—doubling of the flowers, dwarf plants, new colours, these and other novel features are seized upon and hailed as great improvements. Sometimes they are, sometimes, at least to me, they are not. Some flowers are improved by doubling, but I still prefer many in the single version.

Some plants lend themselves to great and often desirable change by the breeders. Petunias and marigolds have changed enormously in the past 40 years. Yet calendulas have not changed very much. True, in the trials this year there are some strains which boast a quilled centre with rings of normal petals around it, rather like an anemone flowered aster or chrysanthemum. But calendulas, such as Orange King, the chrysanthemum flowered varieties, and the good old quilled Radio, all introduced long before the war, are still to the forefront.

The seed breeders the world over, seem to be obsessed by a desire to produce dwarf compact strains of flowers. They reason that if gardens are smaller you need smaller plants. Maybe so, but if as happens in so many gardens the soil is not very rich and fertile, and water at crucial times may not be forthcoming, your dwarf compact plant may well turn out to be an undersized, puny specimen.

Jobs for August

● Unless the weather takes a decided turn for the worse, we will have to keep on watering fairly copiously. If water is scarce then keeping the top half inch of soil lightly hoed will help your plants by reducing water loss of transpiration and water robbery by weeds.

● Finish hedge trimming if possible this month, leaving beech and hornbeam to the last; they should retain their russet brown leaves until the spring.

● If not already done, plant winter cabbage, kales, sprouting and heading broccoli.

○ Plant leeks. Water the seed rows before loosening with a fork. Lift the largest seedlings and plant them out. Leave the rest, firming them well with your foot, for pulling when they are as thick as your middle finger. They are delicious cold with an oil and vinegar dressing.

● Lift and dry shallots as soon as they have ripened sufficiently. Bend over onion stems later in the month to hasten ripening. Remove flower stems of garlic as soon as they appear.

● Sow spring cabbages, such as Flower of Spring or Harbinger. Sow lettuces—Alt the Year Round or Winter Density.

● Cut out raspberry canes after fruiting; tie in new canes about eight to 10 inches apart; remove unwanted new growths. Prune black currants after fruiting; remove the old wood to allow room for the new shoots. Clean up strawberry beds; keep free of weeds, remove runners with a sharp tug. Plant new plants this month to give a crop in 1976.

● Check ties of roses and other plants growing against walls, fences or on arches or pergolas. Check climbers to see they are not pushing up under tiles or twisting round down pipes from gutters.

● Line out wallflowers, myosotis, sweet williams and other biennials. Watch for aphis and other pests, and ring the changes with two or three insecticides. Watch also for mildew on marrows, roses, michaelmas daisies, and spray with Benomyl or some recommended fungicide. Repeat the spray every 10 days.

● Cut and dry everlasting flowers such as statice and helichrysums as soon as they are fully open.

● Take cuttings of fuchsias, geraniums, hydrangeas and heliotrope.

Roy Hay

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Motor racing

Fittipaldi threatens as McLarens find form after intensive testing

[m John Blunsden
[burgring, Aug 1
merson Fittipaldi, stimulated his victory at Silverstone 12 s ago, has no intention of nquishing his world champion- to Lauda without a fight. ough Lauda was fastest of all y in his Ferrari with a lap of 14.2 miles circuit here in n 0.6sec, 121.45 mph, Fittipaldi only 2.1sec slower despite the that the Ford engine of his aco Marlboro McLaren ran t of fuel for the last mile and alf.

fterwards, the Brazilian world mpion estimated to me that lack of fuel had cost him at three seconds and he was erly disappointed that a heavy shower had drenched the k during the interval and had vented him from having another ck at Lauda's time.

lost drivers are convinced that, en good conditions tomorrow, will be capable of lapping in er seven minutes (Lauda claims his fast time today included occasions when he had to slow en because yellow flags were ng waved to warn him of tructions on the track).

leanwhile, the two drivers are rated at this point in practice Fittipaldi's teammate, Mass, se best lap in 7min 1.8sec is her evidence of the dramatic rn to form of the McLaren- M23, which clearly has bene- from an intensive programme esting in Britain, which has n the team to Silverstone 12 s in the past six weeks.

e Tyrrell team are also hop- for dry conditions tomorrow order to improve their grid ions. Scheckter set the sixth fastest time today with full fuel tanks—a typically far sighted decision on Ken Tyrrell's part to make sure that Scheckter's car, a brand new one to replace the car lost at Silverstone, did not develop the handling problems which the team had experienced at the French Grand Prix last month as soon as Scheckter's car had been filled to the brim with fuel.

Having been reassured on this point, Scheckter will be going out tomorrow with a minimum fuel load to try to work himself on to the front row, and Depailler, in the team's other car, has the forbidding job of getting himself off the back row, having been stopped today first by a broken suspension casting and later by a puncture.

Watson has settled in well with his John Player Lotus and is only fractionally slower than Peterson in a similar car. Pryce and Hunt are just ahead of them in the line-up and are leading the British attack in 10th and 11th places. Brise, recovering well from his Silverstone injury, lies in 16th place and Ian Ashley is 20th fastest in his first drive for the Williams team. Evans is an absentee for the second race in succession as BRM still strive for more power back at base.

Hunt put in one promising lap today in the new Hesketh 308C, but the car will not be raced here, nor will the Matra-powered Shadow which has yet to be taken out of the transporter.

FASTEST TIMES: 1, N. Lauda (Ferrari), 7min 0.6sec; 2, J. Mass (McLaren-Ford), 7.1.8; 3, E. Fittipaldi (McLaren-Ford), 7.1.4; 4, C. Reutemann (Ferrari), 7.4.5; 5, V. Brambilla (March-Ford), 7.5.0; 6, J. Scheckter (Tyrrell-Ford), 7.5.3; 7, J.-P. Jarrier (Shadow-Ford), 7.6.8; 8, H. Stuck (March-Ford), 7.8.5; 9, C. Reutemann (Brabham-Ford), 7.10.8; 10, T. Pryce (Shadow-Ford), 7.13.2; 11, J. Hunt (Hesketh-Ford), 7.15.0; 12, R. Peterson (Lotus-Ford), 7.15.3. British drivers: 13, J. Watson (Lotus-Ford), 7.15.6; 16, A. Brise, (Ford), 7.18.2; 20, A. Ashley (Ford), 7.21.8; 26, A. Trimmer (Ford), 8.24.1.

Polo

Guerrico just tips the balance

Andrew Porter

Edward W

e best polo match of Good- Week took place yesterday Jersey Lilies beat San ingo 7—4 in a semi-final of Cowdray Park Challenge Cup. se of an injury to Alberdi, y Lilies were without their layer. In Devrient, however, found a worthy substitute. Alberdi's brilliant string of s, he played well above his cap. But on the other side Good and Herrera were also heir mettle, and the result top-speed, hard-fought game the minimum of whistles.

nt came very well out of the st, hitting three goals, and s in close contact with an nent. There was little in it en them going to the last ss, but a good pony ridden Guerrico just tipped the

lier in the same semi- final Cowdray Park looked like running up a cricket score against Golden Eagles, hitting two goals in the first chukka and no fewer than six in the second. However, their opponents were undaunted, and had the best of the second half of the match. The final score was Cowdray Park 10, Golden Eagles (recd 3) 6).

Withers was in devastating form for Cowdrey, and he and Walker hit four goals apiece. For the losers, Devich was always imperturbable and accurate in his hitting, while the Prince of Wales marked his back well, and having caught his own pony after a heavy fall, played better than ever.

JERSEY LILIES: A. J. Kent (3) 1, R. Guerrico (7) 2, J. Devrient (5) 3, J. Kidd (4) back.
SAN LLAMIGO: C. R. Driver (2) 1, H. Hipwood (7) 2, R. Herrera (7) 3, D. Gemmell (3) back.
COWDRAY PARK: M. Hare (5) 1, R. Walker (7) 5, P. Withers (7) 4, W. Churchward (3) back.
GOLDEN EAGLES: Prince of Wales (2) 1, I. Sosa Basualdo (7) 2, A. Devich (6) 5, J. Horswell (7) back.

Horse trials

British team lead West Germans by 21 points

By Pamela Macgregor-Morris

Although the individual lead after the dressage phase of the junior international three-day event, sponsored by the Midland Bank, at Cirencester Park is held by West Germany, represented by Jochen Dimmek on Rondo, four British riders finished in the first six yesterday and the British team have established a useful lead of 21 points over West Germany.

In second place for Britain, only two points behind the leader, is Annabelle Scrimgeour with Leam Bridge, who was bred by Richard Meade's parents in Monmouthshire and whose grandmother was a Connemara pony. Miss Scrimgeour is riding as an individual but two British team members are close up in third and fourth places. Julia Pointer is only half a point behind Leam Bridge with Royal Slam, and Denise Winter, twin daughter of Fred Winter, is only two points worse with Merman.

In the team event Italy are lying third, ahead of France and Ireland, but there is little in it at this stage. The real test will come over the cross-country course today, when our horses and riders can be expected with some confidence to come into their own.

Last year in Italy, the British team, who had won the junior European championship for the last three years, were eliminated over a massive cross-country course which included some of Olympic obstacles from the Games in 1960. Victory went to the West Germans, with Ireland in second place. Now the British riders are out to regain their lost laurels.

TEAM DRESSAGE: 1, Britain (145.25 pen pts); 2, West Germany (166.25); 3, Italy (175.75); 4, France (207.00); 5, Ireland (211.00).
INDIVIDUAL: 1, J. Dimmek's Ronnin (W. Germany), 37.25; 2, Miss A. Scrimgeour's Leam Bridge (GB), 39.25; 3, Miss J. Pointer's Royal Slam (GB), 39.75; 4, Miss D. Winter's Merman (GB), 51.75; 5, F. Orte's Chico (W. Germany), 54.75; 6, Miss V. Salmond's Orpheus (GB), 55.75.

Tennis



Linda Mottram (left) and Michele Tyler junior opponents perhaps for the last time at Eastbourne today.

Breaking down barriers

By Rex Bellamy
Tennis Correspondent

Linda Mottram, aged 18, today plays her last match as a junior. She opposes Michele Tyler, 15 months younger, in the final of the British junior grass court championships, sponsored by Green Shield Stamps, at Eastbourne. Miss Mottram has won the British under-19 championships on wood and clay but this is the last time she will be eligible to compete for the grass court title. Moreover, she must miss this year's clay court event in September, because she will be playing in the United States. Miss Tyler holds the British junior indoor title.

Both have been playing full time tennis since they left school a year ago and both are coached by Miss Mottram's father. As was expected, they have demonstrated that for the time being they are a class ahead of their British contemporaries. Neither has lost a set on the way to the final, in which Miss Mottram must be encouraged by the fact that Miss Tyler has never beaten her. These psychological barriers are difficult to break down.

In the final of the indoor championship, Miss Tyler lost only two games to Jill Cottrell. Yesterday Miss Cottrell won three games. She served 11 double faults against an opponent who, in any case, was playing a good deal better. Clare Harrison, who is two years younger than Miss Mottram and eventually looked it, was serving for a 5—1 lead in the first set. As if dazzled by her unexpected progress, she immediately served two double faults: and scored only 15 more points in losing 11 successive games and the match with them. Once Miss Mottram settled down, the match was as one sided as the statistics suggested.

The boys' final will be between Paul Bourdon, seeded eighth, and the unseeded Peter Littlewood. Bourdon beat the fourth seed, Christopher Kaskow, 7—6, 1—6, 6—2 in a match excessively influenced by errors. But the first set had a thrilling climax. Bourdon came back from 3—5 down to take the set to a 21 minute tie-break which he won by 19 points to 17. Bourdon was the more in need of a breather and scored only nine points in the second set. But from 2—all in the third set he produced the sounder finish, conceding only five more points to a player whose volleying declined in the crisis.

Littlewood's opponent, Christopher Bradnam, had to retire at 2—6 and 0—2 down because his racket arm, damaged during last week's inter-county championships, was causing him a lot of bother and would not permit him to play a decent game. He is to have an X-ray examination today.

BOYS' SINGLES: Semi-final round: P. A. Bourdon (Kent) beat C. J. Kaskow (Devon), 7—6, 1—6, 6—2; P. Littlewood (Middlesex) beat C. Bradnam (Middlesex), 6—2, 2—6, 7—5.
GIRLS' SINGLES: Semi-final round: L. J. Mottram (Surrey) beat C. Harrison (Surrey), 6—1, 6—0; M. Tyler (Kent) beat J. Cottrell (Surrey), 6—1, 6—2.

LOUISVILLE: G. Vilas beat J. Borowiak, 6—2, 6—2, 7—5; M. Orantes beat W. Brown, 6—1, 6—3; J. Alexander beat J. Kamiwazumi, 6—1; R. Ramirez beat L. Molina, 6—4, 6—3; C. Dibbs beat J. Higueras, 7—6, 4—6, 6—4; R. Tanner beat A. Munoz, 6—1, 6—3; B. Mitton beat H. Solomon, 7—6, 6—4; S. Menon beat H. Kary, 2—6, 6—5, 7—5; M. Cahill beat W. Martin, 7—5, 2—6, 7—5; R. Phillips-Moore beat L. Alverez, 6—1, 5—6, 6—1.
CINCINNATI: R. Bertram beat I. el Shafei, 6—3, 7—6.

Show jumping

W Germans ask Britain to think again

Munich, August 1.—West Germany's equestrian association have asked their British counterpart to reconsider a decision not to send a team to the European show jumping championships.

In a telegram the West Germans said there were bound to be unwelcome repercussions for the whole sport if the British riders stayed away from the championships, to be held here from August 15 to 17.

The British Association explained their unexpected decision in a brief message saying they were not in a position to nominate a team. The response here was one of surprise. The West German team manager, Gustav Pfordte, recalled that his association had been sending riders to British tournaments for years "because we felt obliged by tradition to do so".—Reuter.

Television highlights

BBC 1
Cricket: England v Australia (11.25, 2.20, 2.55, about 3.25)
Racing: Goodwood races at 1.45, 2.15, 2.50, 3.20
Athletics: AAA championships (1.55, about 3.25)

BBC 2
Cricket: England v Australia 14.30, 9.30)

BBC 2—tomorrow
Cricket: Surrey v Nottinghamshire (1.50)

IBA
Swimming: World championships (12.35)
Racing: Newmarket races at 1.30, 2.0, 2.30, 3.0; Thirsk races at 1.45, 2.15, 2.45
Speedway: World championship (3.10)

Golf

Britz takes lead in W German event

Bremen, W Germany, Aug 1.—Tienie Britz, of South Africa, returned a second-round 71 here today to take a one-stroke lead in the W German open golf championship. Britz, runner-up in the Swiss open a fortnight ago, is six-under-par on 142.

One stroke away is Angel Gallardo, a Spanish world cup international, whose younger brother, Jaime, the overnight leader, slipped to a 79 for 149. Angel Gallardo, who shot a 70, is one stroke ahead of Britain's Peter Townsend (73) and Underwood (72), of the United States, the Portuguese open champion.

Britz, who started out a stroke behind Jaime Gallardo, collected four birdies in the first six holes, twice chipping close and holing putts of six feet and eight feet. He took three putts on the seventh to drop a stroke, but completed the rest of the course in par.

Underwood, formerly a regular player on the United States tour, had six birdies, holing three 10ft putts and one of 15ft. Townsend, a former Ryder Cup and Walker Cup international seeking his first important victory for over two years, was six-under-par with six to play. But he twice took three putts and ran up a six at the long 15th after going into the woods.

Antonio Garrido, of Spain, was disqualified after returning a 74 for 147. He reported to officials after discovering he had signed for a five instead of a six at the 15th. His brother, German Garrido, was disqualified for using an illegally-shaped putter during Tuesday's qualifying round. Leading scores:

142: T. Britz (SA), 71, 71.
143: A. Gallardo (Spain), 73, 70.
144: L. Underwood (US), 72, 72; P. Townsend (GB), 73, 71.
145: S. Verdin (US), 74, 71; P. Toussaint, (Belgium), 74, 71.
146: R. Gilder (SA), 74, 72; P. Croker (Australia), 75, 71; P. Berry (GB), 75, 72.
147: J. Cambridge (GB), 75, 72; E. Polland (Ireland), 75, 74; L. Hinkle (US), 72, 75; R. Shearer (Australia), 75, 72; D. Mclelland (GB), 75, 72.
148: J. Darr (US), 75, 73; D. Strawn (US), 73, 75; C. Studler 75, 73.
149: M. Galgechi (SA), 73, 76; S. Hobday (Rhodesia), 75, 74; R. Dassu (Italy), 76, 73; G. Sanudo (USS) 74, 75; B. Gallacher (GB), 75, 74; J. Fourie (SA), 74, 75; W. Brask (US), 75, 74; J. Revilo (Spain), 76, 73; J. Gallardo (Spain), 74, 77; O. Gartenmaier (Australia), 77, 72.

Other British and Irish scores:
150: D. Chillas, 74, 76.
151: J. O'Leary (Ireland), 77, 74; D. Vaughan, 76, 75; P. Wilcock, 74, 77; P. Dawson, 74, 77.
152: G. O'Connor jr (Ireland), 74, 78; M. Bannerman 74, 78; R. Ellis, 75, 77.
153: A. Chandler, 75, 78; R. Tyler, 75, 78; R. Wynn, 77, 76.
155: M. Gregson 78, 77.—Reuter.

HARRISON: 65, B. Massengale; 66, T. Weiskopf; 67, T. Aaron, P. Fliasimons, J. Pate; 68, G. Watson, G. Miller, B. Allin, R. Lotz, R. Funseth; 69, B. Devlin, J. Miller, J. Inman, R. Dixon, G. Dickinson. British score: 76, A. Jacklin.

PUBLIC ENGLISH girls' championship: Semi-final round: M. Burton beat L. Harrold, 5 and 4; R. Barry beat S. Bamford, 3 and 1. Final: M. Burton beat R. Barry, 6 and 5.

Today's football

ANGLO-SCOTTISH CUP: Ayr United v Falkirk (3.0); Blackpool v Manchester City (3.0); Carlisle United v Newcastle United (3.0); Chelsea v Bristol City (3.0); Hull City v Leicester City (3.0); Middlesbrough v Sunderland (3.0); Norwich City v Fulham (3.0); Queen of the South v Heart of Midlothian (3.0); Sheffield United v Blackburn Rovers (3.0); West Bromwich Albion v Mansfield Town (3.0).

Yachting

Curtain of sail does not hide any drama

By John Nicholls

There was little excitement at the start of the Channel Race at Cowes yesterday. The weather put paid to any hopes of a dramatic opening to the Admiral's Cup series. It was hot and sunny, with a light variable breeze, admirable for pottering about the Solent but hardly the stuff of which memorable yacht races are made.

The 57th Admiral's Cup boats were the last to start from the Squadron line. Ahead of them were the minnows of the RORC classes III, IV and V and the giants of class I. There were intervals of 10 minutes between the various starts, with the smallest boats starting first. As the larger yachts closed up, the entire fleet of over 200 boats formed a slowly moving curtain of sail in the eastern Solent.

Fortunately, the wind was from the east, and at times from the south-east, so there was a windward start with most boats on starboard tack. Maintaining steerage way in the churned-up water was difficult and, without exception, each class had its share of stragglers. Unfortunately for the British Admiral's Cup team, Battlecry (John Prentice) was one of the last away and she took a long time to settle down.

Her teammates, Noryema (Ronald Amey) and Yeoman XX (Robert Aisher) were better placed, and for a short while at least, Yeoman must have been among the leaders on handicap. Setting the pace was the big Australian boat, Bumblebee (John Kahlbetzer), which started near the middle of the line and soon pulled ahead. Soon she had sailed through most of the smaller classes ahead of her and she was about 20th through the forts off Portsmouth.

The first boat through this gateway to the open sea was the tiny French Maraska from class V. Hard on her heels was the scratch boat of the fleet, the 79ft American ketch Kialoa (J. Kilroy). She caught the eye before the start as her main and mizzen sails were hoisted simultaneously and she held the centre of the stage until she disappeared into the hazy distance.

Saga (E. Lorenzen), the Brazilian boat which won the Fastnet race in 1973, was next of the class I boats, well ahead of Gitana VI (Baron Edmund de Rothschild) and Pen Duick VI (Eric Tabarly), both of which give her time on handicap. Saga is not in her country's Admiral's Cup team and it will be interesting to see if she beats her countrymen for overall honours in the race.

There are many crews who failed to gain selection for their national teams and who are now trying to prove the selectors wrong. Edward Heath's Morning Cloud, for example, appeared to be going well and she may only now, when it is too late, be sailing at her best.

Probably the best placed team at the forts was that of the United States. Robin (Edward Hood) was lying second and probably leading on handicap. She was well supported by Tenacious (Edward Turner) and Charisma (Jesse Phillips), sailed by Dennis Connors, both in the first half-dozen at that stage. Noryema was also among the leaders with Yeoman close behind but Battlecry still had much to do.

She was, however, ahead of Duva (P. Lubiusi), one of the highly fancied German team, although the other two Germans, with similar ratings, were some way ahead of her. After leaving the Solent, the fleet had to round in turn the Owers Light (off Selsey Bill), the Royal Sovereign (off Beachy Head), the CH 1 buoy off Cherbourg, then back to the Nab Tower and finish at the forts. Depending on the wind strength the first boats should return tonight and the results might be known tomorrow morning.

The fifth and last race of the Solo class world championship was won by Graham Tapper at Hayling Island yesterday. Added to other good results during the week, this win was sufficient for Tapper to take the title by two points from Gerald Rockett, the overnight series leader.

Rockett, who won the championship two years ago, spoiled his chance of another success by choosing the wrong end of the line at the start. He was 44th at the first mark and, although he moved up to 15th at the finish, he ran out of time. Tapper, meanwhile, was circulating in third place and managed to take the title without winning a race.

RESULTS 11th race: 1, H. Houten (Netherlands), 2; 2, I. Shaw (Auckland, New Zealand), 3; 3, Tapper (Tonbridge), 4; 4, P. Heide (Netherlands), 5; 5, R. van Heijtert (Netherlands), 6; 6, D. Robinson (Topsham), 7; 7, Rockett, 251; 8, Tapper, 261; 9, G. Rockett, 351; 10, Van Heijtert, 37; 11, R. Van Ouvrin, 53; 12, I. Curtis, 57; 13, P. Marshall, 58.

HYTHE: British Scorpion championship: 1, Witchcraft (T. Stewart, W. Stewart, Portrush); 2, Low Voltage (M. Lanewood, Silver, Bath and Sailwood); 3, Big Brother (M. Hicks, P. Hicks, Worthing); 4, Perou (R. Curran, A. Curran, Elton); 5, Penny Black (A. Wood, Bath); 6, Loon (D. Wright, A. Riches, Elton). Overall: 1, Witchcraft, 19½ points; 2, Perou, 21; 3, Penny Black, 42½; 4, Low Voltage, 54; 5, Loon, 57; 6, Daisy (M. Adams, A. Williams, Bexhill), 58½; 7, Loon, 55 Ladies' Cup: C. Haines (Elton).

HAYLING ISLAND CLUB: British Dinghy Championship: 1, [illegible] (Royal Ocean Racing Club); 2, [illegible] (Hayling Island); 3, [illegible] (Hayling Island); 4, [illegible]; 5, [illegible]; 6, R178 (I. Gossip, West Auckland). Overall: 1, K. Bradwell (15pts); 2, C. Read-Wilson (25pts); 3, M. Mountifield (Hayling Island), 42½ pts.

STONE HARBOR: World Girls championship: 1, William Whitley (Ireland); 2, J. Wright (USA); 3, E. Owen (GB); 4, J. Wilsey (USA); 5, P. Wright (USA); 6, R. Lord (GB).

TORQUAY National Lark championships: Final race: 1, 1401 Speedo (K. Black, Stokes Bay SC); 2, 1527 Mrs Malaprop (M. McNamara, Falmouth and Star Cross SC); 3, 896 Margaret (D. Smithwhite, Frensham Pond SC); 4, 1400 Sir Jasper (D. Batt, Midland SC); 5, 1472 Pepperpot (D. Potter, Hayling River SC); 6, 857 Uska Gordon (C. Pearson, Royal Midland SC). Overall positions: 1, 1482 Speedo, 2, 1525 Mrs Malaprop; 3, 896 Margaret.

Baseball

NATIONAL LEAGUE: Chicago Cubs 5, St Louis Cardinals 3; New York Mets 6, Pittsburgh Pirates 4; Atlanta Braves 11, Los Angeles Dodgers 10; Montreal Expos 7, Philadelphia Phillies 4; San Diego Padres 5, Houston Astros 2; Cincinnati Reds 11, San Francisco Giants 6.

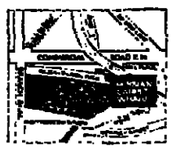
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Food

Serving firsts on summer days

When warm weather makes appetites dwindle, take another look at your recipes for first courses. Served on a more lavish scale, they can often become the main dish for a light lunch or supper. Like salad vegetables in soups or new vegetables in salads: soused or smoked fish or egg mayonnaise with brown bread and butter; cold savoury mousses, hot cheese souffles or croquettes with green salad. Recipes like these have plenty of flavour but are not too filling.

Cheese croquettes are very useful to make and have in the freezer then you can take out only as many as are required at one time. With the work done in advance, they take only a moment to cook and provide an unusual first course on their own with lemon. For a lunch or supper dish serve them with hot toast and a salad.

Cheese croquettes with lemon
Although Cheddar is the cheese suggested here, the more expensive Gruyère is the correct one to use. A dry cheese like Gruyère is least inclined to become oily in the hot mixture and gives the croquettes a deliciously creamy texture. The lemon is important in either case. When the juice is squeezed over the croquettes it counteracts the richness of the cheese.

Makes 18 croquettes
2oz butter;
2oz plain flour;
½ pint milk;
Salt and freshly milled pepper;
8oz grated Cheddar cheese;
2 eggs;
Toasted breadcrumbs;
Oil for frying;
Lemons for serving.

Melt the butter in a large saucepan and stir in the flour. Cook gently for 1-2 minutes until the mixture takes on a lighter colour and a sandy texture. Gradually stir in the milk and beat well all the time to get a very thick mixture.

Cook over low heat for a few minutes, then season with salt and pepper and draw off the heat. Add the cheese and stir well to blend. Separate the eggs, cracking the white into a shallow dish—these are used later for coating the croquettes. Beat the egg yolks into the cheese mixture. Set the pan of mixture aside until quite cold and firm.

Take dessertspoons of the mixture and with wetted fingers shape each into a round, or into cork shapes about 2in long. From this mixture you should make 18 croquettes. Dip each one first in the lightly mixed egg whites and then roll in toasted breadcrumbs to coat. Chill until ready to cook. Then deep fry for 2-3 minutes in hot fat until golden brown. If preferred these can be shallowed fried in about ½in hot oil in a frying pan. For this it is better if the croquettes are shaped a little on the flat side. Allow 2-3 croquettes a person and serve them hot with slices of lemon to squeeze for juice.

Note: To freeze the croquettes arrange them on a flat tray as you coat them in breadcrumbs and "open freeze" until firm. Then tip into a freezer bag and seal for storing. They can be fried straight from the freezer, although they will require a few minutes longer to heat through.

The versatile herring provides one of the most useful cold fish dishes in the form of herring rollmops. If you prepare herring rollmops yourself you can control the amount of vinegar used. These are mild in flavour and can be served with a slice of lemon and brown bread and butter as a first course. I like them best with a mayonnaise potato salad and crisp lettuce for lunch or supper.

Herring rollmops
Some fishmongers sell filleted herrings and they can be used for a recipe like this. Otherwise buy the fish whole and do the job yourself.

Makes 6 rollmops
6 herrings;
Salt and freshly milled pepper;
¼ pint wine vinegar;
¼ pint water;
1 bay leaf.

Wash the herrings and scrape away any loose scales with a knife. Cut off the head and tail from each herring. Slit down the tummy, remove any roes and clean the inside. Trim the edge of the skin to loosen the bones and remove the tiny fins. Place herrings cut side down on a working surface and press along the back bone to loosen. Turn the fish over and working from the tail to the head gently pull the backbone away.

Season the inside of each herring with salt and pepper. Roll up starting at the head end and pack them tightly together in a casserole or baking dish. When rolled up the fin on the back opens out and looks pretty. Mix the vinegar and water and pour over the herrings—it should be just enough to cover. Add the bay leaf and a few slices of raw onion if you like extra flavour. Cover the dish with a lid or a piece of kitchen foil. Place in the centre of a moderate oven (350 deg F or gas 4) and bake for 45 minutes. Remove from the heat and leave until quite cold in the liquor. Rollmops absorb the flavour from the cooking liquor as they cool and are best left overnight, when they become quite firm to handle. Lift them from the liquid and serve with lemon and brown bread and butter.

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SPORT

Cricket





Australia on the road to recovery. Lillee (left) hits a six off Underwood and Edwards a four off Greig.

Lillee damps the fires of 'VE Day'

By John Woodcock
Cricket Correspondent

LORD'S: England, with all second innings wickets in hand, are 52 runs ahead of Australia.

After an extraordinary and thrilling morning's cricket, in which, on a blameless pitch, they *lost their first six wickets for 64* runs, Australia recovered to make 268 in the second Test match yesterday. For this they were indebted to Edwards, which was reasonable, and to Thomson, Lillee and Mallett, which was not.

At lunchtime the atmosphere *was like that on VE day.* It was too good to last, of course, but it bucked us all up greatly at the time and the advantage which it gave England, after their own first innings had ended for 315, was still just with them when play ended for the day. Not the psychological advantage, *I am* afraid: that, inevitably, was with Australia.

Ross Edwards is a West Australian: a neat player, quick-footed and watchful, and at 32 the oldest member of the Australian side. He is one of the keenest too, in his quiet way. "He doesn't swear all that much", said an Australian, as though that was one of his more distinctive characteristics. But he does put away anything short, especially on and outside the off stump, with much certainty. He is also a good judge of a run; a delightfully unselfish partner to have, in fact; the sort of player that all captains like to possess.

When Edwards came in Australia were 37 for three. It was not until the other batsmen were all out that, from among the bowlers, he found two partners: first Thomson, then Lillee. The way these two and Mallett played, quite apart from Edwards, emphasized what a wonderfully good pitch it is. Had England ever been in a position to enforce the follow on (when Thomson came in at 81 for seven Australia still needed 35 runs to save it) I doubt whether they would have done so. The likeliest way for England to win the match, even then, was to bat well in their second innings and hope that by Monday afternoon they will have something helpful to bowl on.

If, having been on the point of a complete breakthrough, England were disappointed, as well as tired, last night, they have done better than they can ever have hoped at 49 for four on Thursday morning. The fact that Lever and Snow are 33 and 34 respectively may have been a factor in the Australians getting off the hook, which is not to say that Snow had bowled anything but heroically early on. When it comes to finishing off an innings, after a lot of hard bowling, it helps greatly to be 24 and 26 as Thomson and Lillee are.

As on the first day Greig was a very present captain. Once or twice he got sufficiently carried away for my friend from the Highlands to say that he was not sure that he would satisfy the requirements of a qualifying match for I Zingari. He did not object to that, though, in the present state of English cricket. As for the Australian revival, there was nothing very obvious that Greig could have done to cut it short that he failed to do, except perhaps give Underwood more work.

A leg spinner would have been useful, but there is not one. Greig bowled mostly off breaks himself, less accurately than if he bowled them more for Sussex. Wood, perhaps, was worth a try: with his gentle swing he takes useful wickets. In the end it was *something unconventional that did the* trick. Steele, with his fourth ball in Test cricket, taking Mallett's wicket after he and Lillee had added 69.

England's last pair having lasted for only another four balls in the morning, Australia were batting *by 11.45. The gates were already* closed. The sun was not yet through. Australia's middle batsmen, I dare say, picked up the paper to study the Goodwood form, thinking that they would have nothing much else to worry about until today. They may even have changed, ready for the evening's entertainment. Yet by lunchtime, an hour and three quarters later, Australia were 64 for six.

It looked, to begin with, as though the luck that England needed was to run against them. Turner edged Snow just short of Gooch at third slip; McCosker, having hooked Snow for four, survived a desperately difficult chance to Lever, at fourth slip. In the Australian style, the four English slips and one gully were making an angle of at least 45 degrees; but they were still too deep. Lever was bowling too short, and not especially straight. Australia were 20 for no wicket after six overs. Whereupon Snow had Turner leg before, on the back foot.

As they had on Thursday, the umpires were to play a prominent part in the morning's cricket. Having sent Turner on his way Alley was called upon next to give Ian Chappell caught at the wicket, drawn forward by a fine ball from Snow that moved from leg to off. Next to go was Greg Chappell, the most valuable wicket of all, or so we thought. In 1972, in his only other Test match at Lord's, Chappell made a memorable 131. Now, after a vivid hook for four, he too was leg before to Snow. Chappell was half forward; the ball cut back at him; Alley, Australian-born, decided it would have hit, a view not noticeably shared by Chappell. *Within 23 balls Snow had taken* Australia's first three wickets.

There was still 50 minutes of the morning left, long enough for Australia to lose one more wicket. In fact, they lost three. At 54 Greig replaced Snow with Lever and with his ninth ball Lever caught and bowled McCosker. McCosker drove too soon; Lever, in full follow-through held the catch, two handed and with wild delight. Two runs later Walters, driving at Lever, was caught in Greig's midriff at first slip; this was the sort of stroke that would have looked as good had it succeeded as it looked reckless when it failed.

To round off the morning, Greig himself came on from the Pavilion end, with his off breaks, and with the last ball before luncheon he had Marsh caught at silly mid-off, off bat and pad. Not that Marsh appeared to think so. When, this time, the umpire, Spencer, gave him out, he dropped his bat in disbelief (Boycott threw his in Adelaide); as Marsh passed Spencer on his way in he was met by an admonitory finger. If there *was a splintering of glass, as when* Marsh reached the pavilion at Edgbaston after being given out, the noise was drowned in the loud murmur of the crowd.

Not since the war, I think, had Australia suffered such a collapse on a good pitch against England in England. They did so with great regularity against South Africa in 1969-70, when South Africa had two fast bowlers, and against England in Australia in 1954-55 when England did. When Walker was seventh out yesterday, bowled by Snow, speed had accounted for six of the Australian wickets. Walker batted for something like 20 hours against MCC in Australia last winter. I wondered whether Snow realized that in bowling him out he had scaled the Berlin Wall.

For the eighth wicket Edwards and Thomson added 52 in 65 minutes. Thomson's improvement as a batsman since they first saw him has been a trial for England. He played sensibly now, and with a good deal of confidence, until Underwood bowled him, hitting across the line. The more unexpected setback for England was the form of Lillee. Until yesterday his highest score in all first-class cricket was only 46 for Western Australia against New South Wales. Yet here he was hitting Lever for 18 in an over, including a hook for six. Having added 66 with Edwards he put another 69 with Mallett. For England it was sheer frustration.

As the architect of Australia's revival Edwards should have the last word. He takes a banjo round with him on tour; he could play it to his heart's content last night. When, needing only a single for *his third hundred against England,* he had been leg before to Woolmer, half an hour after tea. He had given no chance and played scarcely a false stroke. He had a fine reception when he was out, from a crowd elated and delighted, if slightly disappointed.

ENGLAND: First Innings

B. Wood, l-b-w, b Lillee	6
J. H. Edrich, l-b-w, b Lillee	9
D. S. Steele, b Thomson	50
D. L. Amiss, l-b-w, b Lillee	0
G. A. Gooch, c Marsh, b Lillee	6
*A. W. Greig, c I. Chappell, b Walker	96
†A. P. E. Knott, l-b-w, b Thomson	69
R. A. Woolmer, c Turner, b Mallett	33
J. A. Snow, c Walker, b Mallett	11
D. L. Underwood, not out	0
P. Lever, l-b-w, b Walker	4
Extras (b 3, l-b 1, w 4, n-b 23)	31
Total	315

FALL OF WICKETS: 1—10, 2—29, 3—37, 4—49, 5—145, 6—222, 7—288, 8—309, 9—310, 10—315.

BOWLING: Lillee, 20—4—84—4; Thomson, 23—7—92—2; Walker, 21.4—7—52—2; Mallett, 22—4—56—2.

Second Innings

B. Wood, not out	5
J. H. Edrich, not out	0
Total (no wkt)	5

BOWLING (to date): Lillee, 1—0—5—0.

AUSTRALIA: First Innings

R. B. McCosker, c and b Lever	29
A. Turner, l-b-w, b Snow	9
*I. M. Chappell, c Knott, b Snow	2
G. S. Chappell, l-b-w, b Snow	4
R. Edwards, l-b-w, b Woolmer	99
K. D. Walters, c Greig, b Lever	2
†R. W. Marsh, c Amiss, b Greig	3
M. H. N. Walker, b Snow	5
J. R. Thomson, b Underwood	17
D. K. Lillee, not out	73
A. A. Mallett, l-b-w, b Steele	14
Extras (lb 5, nb 6)	11
Total	268

FALL OF WICKETS: 1—21, 2—29, 3—37, 4—54, 5—56, 6—64, 7—81, 8—133, 9—199, 10—268.

BOWLING: Snow, 21—4—66—4; Lever, 15—0—83—2; Woolmer, 13—5—31—1; Greig, 15—5—47—1; Underwood, 13—5—29—1; Steele, 0.4—0—1—1.

Umpires: T. W. Spencer and W. E. Alley.

Gilliat reduces game to an irritating bore

By Peter Marson

CANTERBURY: Kent (6 pts) drew with Hampshire (7).

The good name of cricket was put in question yesterday in circumstances that are all too familiar. One side batted on and on, in this case Hampshire, making their own position safe and *denying the other side,* Kent, the merest possibility of victory. Whatever the reasons for this attitude may be, and there are a number, cricket played in this tempo looks arduous, unimaginative, indigestible—it should never be that—irritating and excessively boring.

In the latter part of the morning and for 70 minutes in the afternoon, it was by Hampshire's decree that the cricket was arduous, irritating, and boring. To say that Kent's ardent supporters found it so, and indigestible, too, would be to understate the case. *They were outraged,* and probably incensed as well.

The Second Battalion, the Queen's Regiment and successors to the Queen's Own Buffs, are presently serving in BAOR. Had it been otherwise, then fervour and feeling around the ground was at such a pitch as to insist upon some initiative. There seems little doubt that, with colours flying and led by the band, a company or two would have set off from their tents behind third man for the pavilion.

Nothing less than a show of strength of this kind, so it seemed, would dislodge Hampshire nor their captain, Gilliat, who in the best traditions was leading from the front and in total command at the crease. The jousting and keen rivalry for position at the head of the county championship was at the seat of the trouble. Hampshire's seven *bonus points* from this match have put them back at the top and Kent are close behind.

The slightest error of judgement by a leading county in a match involving another in contention, therefore, might have disastrous consequences. It depends whether by losing the championship one regards it as being disastrous. If winning is everything, then presumably one would regard it so.

In the highest echelons of sport there exists an eleventh commandment—thou shalt not lose. It exists and is born of an abominable ideology. But, to obstruct one's foe, to hinder his progress rather than defeat him honourably, one's strength overpowering his, one's wits and skill confounding his, is, alas, an accepted pattern of sporting behaviour.

Although Hampshire trod a dreary path, it has been travelled along before. I could sympathize with the crowd at their disappointment but nothing disappointed me more than the boos, the jeering and aggressive behaviour of the crowd when Gilliat declared Hampshire's innings closed.

At the start of the day Hampshire, with seven wickets in hand, led by 182 runs. Jesty, five, and Gilliat, one, were at the crease. While Gilliat thought about his strategy, Kent unwittingly helped him make up his mind, taking two early wickets of Jesty at 136 and Sainsbury at 137. Rice dug in and stayed with Gilliat until one o'clock. By then they had put on 75 runs for the sixth wicket in 80 minutes.

Hampshire then led by 288. The thought that haunted Gilliat was that he might end up with too *few runs and with bowling that* might not prevent Kent reaching the target on a pitch still full of runs. Gilliat clearly thought that without Roberts, he had scant chance of bowling out Kent.

That Kent lost seven wickets later on was due as much to anything to their psychological state, and Denness had also rearranged his batting order. Gilliat, who had come to the crease at 6.20 on Thursday, took his leave at five minutes past three yesterday. That virtually was the end of it. Kent needed 335 to win—a fact, no joke—in 85 minutes and 20 overs. After seven wickets had fallen, Kent were glad to see Colin Cowdrey drop anchor. He held fast for an hour and 40 minutes, making 10.

HAMPSHIRE: First Innings, 385 for 6 (B. A. Richards 86, R. M. C. Gilliat 72, M. N. S. Taylor 60 not out, P. J. Sainsbury 57 not out).

Second Innings

C. G. Greenidge, b Hills	64
B. A. Richards, lbw, b Asif	20
D. R. Turner, b Asif	7
T. E. Jesty, c Asif, b Hills	27
*R. M. C. Gilliat, not out	97
P. J. Sainsbury, b Asif	0
J. M. Rice, c Nicholls, b Hills	23
M. N. S. Taylor, b Rowe	4
G. R. Stephenson, b Rowe	4
J. Southern, b Cowdrey	0
T. J. Mottram, not out	0
Extras (b 8, l-b 18, n-b 2)	28
Total (9 wkts dec)	278

FALL OF WICKETS: 1—74, 2—94, 3—104, 4—136, 5—137, 6—212, 7—225, 8—240, 9—268.

BOWLING: Lims, 31—5—70—0; Asif, 15—5—42—3; Hills, 28—11—51—3; Johnson, 6—1—11—0; Rowe, 24.3—7—40—2; Luckhurst, 4—1—13—0; Cowdrey, 8—0—24—1.

KENT: First Innings, 300 for 8 (B. W. Luckhurst 50, M. H. Denness 85, D. Nicholls 58).

Second Innings

B. W. Luckhurst, b Rice	1
G. W. Johnson, b Mottram	2
C. J. C. Rowe, c Stephenson, b Rice	0
R. W. Hills, b Taylor	43
Asif Iqbal, c and b Mottram	4
M. C. Cowdrey, not out	10
A. G. E. Ealham, c Rice b Mottram	7
*M. H. Denness, c Turner, b Rice	5
†D. Nicholls, not out	6
Extras (b 1, l-b 1, w 1, n-b 2)	5
Total (7 wkts)	83

R. A. Topley, R. B. Elms did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1—1, 2—1, 3—7, 4—25, 5—55, 6—64, 7—77.

BOWLING: Mottram, 17—7—22—3; Rice, 16.4—7—36—3; Richards, 1—0—4—0; Taylor, 7—3—13—1; Sainsbury, 3—1—3—0.

Umpires: R. Aspinall and A. E. Fagg.

Tolchard bowls under-arm and sums up the day

By Gerry Harrison

BLACKPOOL: Lancashire (7 pts) drew with Leicestershire (6).

With a gleam in his eye and, according to reliable sources, an oath or two on his lips, Leicestershire's captain Ray Illingworth promoted himself to number three. He strode to the wicket in the third over of the innings, his side chasing 244 in 140 minutes for victory. Unfortunately, the tale has no happy ending.

Despite a four off his first ball and Leicestershire scoring 54 in the 55 minutes before tea, Illingworth's intentions were revealed when Lee bowled Steele. He turned to the pavilion, made the gesture of the forward defensive shot and that was that, apart from the derisive wave he threw towards the section of the crowd *who jeered when he passed 50.*

Thus, two of the championship rivals, nervous of allowing the other victory, played out a dismal draw which had its roots in the slow first day and an easy wicket. For the holiday crowd it was a disappointment, having already *had their patience and goodwill* severely tested when the ice cream from the former PoW hut ran out at 3.23 pm. Before the end, most had made their way back into the resort's centre, driven to try their luck in the thrills and spills of the closing hours of *Scottish Fortnight.*

The facts, for what they are worth, are that Lloyd's declaration was not generous, but he must have been well aware there was never any chance of bowling Leicestershire out. There are less agreeable ways of spending a sunny *day than watching players of the* quality of the two Lloyds and Hayes scatter the ball around the field. Their innings, however, were of only superficial value as these two heavyweights sparred for most of the day while the impatient spectators waited for the big punch. They waited in vain.

Illingworth gave Lancashire ample opportunity to make runs and a game of it with a generous use of spin and fun bowlers. David Lloyd, 26 overnight, took his total to 90, which included 14 fours in 192 minutes. Having been criticized by friend and foe in the course of his five and a half hour century in the first innings, it would be uncharitable to take up the cudgels again. Some of his shots off his legs were a model for all those schoolboys present not fighting or listening to the Test match.

It is better to draw a veil over how a bowler like Steele collected figures of 11—3—31—0. Hayes scored 10 fours in 114 minutes and gained useful practice against the slower bowlers. Clive Lloyd's 82 not out in 90 minutes included nine fours and two sixes and naturally gave much pleasure. But the writing had been on the wall, along with the grafitti, at lunchtime when Lancashire were only 153 runs ahead and the wicket as easily paced as ever.

Despite Clive Lloyd's assault, the situation was summed up when Tolchard came on to bowl, the seventh Leicestershire man of the morning to turn an arm. He was unsure whether to bowl slow or medium. A friendly fifth ball was dispatched into the car park, the sixth he chose to bowl under-arm and Lloyd blocked it contemptuously.

Other highlights included the buzz from the crowd when McCosker was out at Lord's. It stopped Balderstone in his tracks as he ran in to bowl. There was a useful line in heated repartee between Higgs, fielding at third *man, and fellow Lancastrians in the* crowd. Higgs won comfortably six rounds to nil. Finally, there was the optimistic small boy who yelled, just before 5.30, "they need 154 in the last 12 overs".

LANCASHIRE: First Innings, 259 for 5 (D. Lloyd 100 not out).

Second Innings

*D. Lloyd, b Balderstone	90
A. Kennedy, c Higgs, b Illingworth	25
J. Simmons, c Gower, b Birkenshaw	17
F. C. Hayes c Dudleston, b Booth	68
C. H. Lloyd, not out	82
B. W. Reidy, not out	12
Extras (l-b 7, n-b 4)	11
Total (4 wkts dec)	305

†F. M. Engineer, D. P. Hughes, R. M. Ratcliffe, K. Shuttleworth did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1—58, 2—94, 3—183, 4—251.

BOWLING: Booth, 15—3—61—1; Higgs, 17—3—43—0; McVicker, 5—2—11—0; Birkenshaw, 20—7—74—1; Steele, 11—3—31—0; Illingworth, 18—7—43—1; Balderstone, 7—0—21—1; Tolchard, 2—0—10—0.

LEICESTERSHIRE: *First Innings,* 321 for 4 (R. W. Tolchard 96 not out; P. Lee 5 for 123).

Second Innings

B. Dudleston, lbw, b Lee	8
J. F. Steele, b Lee	20
*R. Illingworth, not out	51
J. C. Balderstone, not out	5
Extras (l-b 5, n-b 1)	6
Total (2 wkts)	90

B. F. Davison, †R. W. Tolchard, D. Gower, J. Birkenshaw, J. Booth, N. M. McVicker, K. Higgs did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1—8, 2—60.

BOWLING: Lee, 10—1—38—2; Ratcliffe 7—0—25—0; D. Lloyd, 6—2—16—0; Simmons, 5—3—0—0; Hughes, 11—5—7—0.

Umpires: A. Jepson and B. J. Meyer.

Athletics

Black leaves others decide second place

By Neil Allen
Athletics Correspondent

David Black, *a favourite* who has not always lived up to that onerous position, won the 10,000 metres in the AAA championships at Crystal Palace last night with a time of 27min 54.23sec, the second fastest in the world this year. In the absence, through injury, of David Bedford, Black became the *first new champion* in this event for five years. There is the possibility that, like Bedford, he may double up in the 5,000 metres today.

Black, having declined to do any of the leading last night as first Matthew Batswadi of South Africa, and then Bernard Ford towed the leaders through lap after lap, found his killing ground at 9,000 metres (25min 19.6sec). Then he accelerated out of his normal short-stepping stride and went away positively to cover the next 800 metres in 2min 5.4sec. That left Ford and Scotland's Jim Brown, who *had run with such* admirable determination for so long, to decide the second place over the last lap. Brown won the struggle in 62.8sec.

The 10,000 metres can be a boring procession if one man, like Bedford, demolishes the opposition early on and is never challenged. But it was not so last night, because someone was always brave enough to pick up the tempo if there was any sign of slacking. Little Batswadi was invariably the leader for the first 10 laps, passing 1,000 metres in 2min 48.2sec, 2,000 metres in 5min 32.6sec, 3,000 metres in 8min 23.4sec, and 4,000 metres in 11min 12sec.

Then Ford, leaning forward intensely, picked up the gauntlet and seemed ready to run away with the title. But he could make no impression and the vibrant competitiveness of the race was underlined when there were still nine men, comparatively closely linked together in procession, when Ford passed 5,000 metres, or halfway, in 14min 3.3sec. In another three laps, however, there were only four men, Ford, Brown, Black and Bernard Plain still in with a chance. Plain was soon to lose ground, at first slightly, and then irretrievably.

With just over four laps to go, the favourite "on paper" was bound to be Black. But because *he has once or twice inexplicably* been beaten, I was not sure he could get the right grip on the field, until that purposeful strike which made him five seconds up on Brown and Ford with two laps to go.

After Brown, by 19.4 seconds *with a new Scottish record* of 28min 0.6sec, and Ford with 28min 2.3sec, had heard they had set personal records, Black kept his customary low profile. He said: "If they pick me to run in the European Cup in Nice, I'll run. If they don't, no matter. Perhaps *they'll think of Stewart or Foster* or Simmons. I was behind most of the way this evening. It felt good, and I feel good now. The conditions were good this evening, too."

He is the quiet man of British distance running who perhaps summed up better than with any words his feelings yesterday when he gave me a nod, a [illegible] raised a beer bottle in a [illegible] salutation. Almost [illegible] eight men in his race [illegible] Olympic qualifying stan[illegible]

The six foot three in[illegible] can, Steve Riddick, had [illegible]ably slow start in the [illegible] final, I made him still [illegible] twinkling heels of the [illegible] Ainsley Bennett with [illegible] *already covered.* But the[illegible] came striding past him [illegible] Bennett was left with se[illegible] and the fastest time ove[illegible] tance by a British athlet[illegible] (10.50sec) which is e[illegible] for a man who is a [illegible] metres specialist.

I could not help fee[illegible] for Tancred in the discu[illegible] valiantly to the occasi[illegible] third round throw of 20[illegible] kept the lead all the [illegible] sixth and final round. [illegible] Africa's van Reenen st[illegible] he had been world rec[illegible] for seven weeks earlie[illegible] by reaching 204ft 3in.

Both men beat the championship record [illegible] which had been achieve[illegible] different athletes. Tancred himself. The [illegible] a less happy occasion [illegible] with complaints of [illegible] *clating* by Silvester, w[illegible] third.

The heats of other [illegible] were notable for fas[illegible] David Jenkins (400 met[illegible] Banning and Raymon[illegible] (1,500 metres) and Der[illegible] (steeplechase).

100 METRES: Final: [illegible] 10.50 [illegible] 10.60 [illegible] Rober[illegible] 10.8sec.

800 METRES qualifiers: [illegible] Gateshead [illegible] Wolverhampton and Bils. [illegible] Gateshead [illegible] Wolverhampton and Bils. [illegible] B. Jones (Liverpool Pemb[illegible]) S. Marlow (Cambridge[illegible]) Jenkins (Belfast) Batt[illegible] [illegible]

[illegible]

1,500 METRES: [illegible]

5,000 METRES [illegible]

10,000 METRES: Final: [illegible] Brown [illegible] B. Ford (Aldershot, District) 28:2.32.

400 METRES HURDLES: [illegible] W. Hartley (Liverpool) [illegible] Netherlands [illegible]

LONG JUMP: Final: [illegible]

DISCUS: Final: [illegible]

JAVELIN: Final: [illegible] and Southgate) 244ft.

French racing

Joking Apart should gi[ve] England the last laugh

From Pierre Guillot
French Racing Correspondent

Paris, Aug 1

English challengers can find success at the first attempt at Deauville's month-long meeting in Sunday's Prix Maurice de Gheest. Four of the 19 probable *runners for this sprint* have crossed the Channel. Another foreign visitor is the German-trained Tarik. The best of the English quartet should be the Queen's Joking Apart, beaten only a short head and one length in the 1,000 Guineas. This daughter *of Jimmy Reppin has since been* narrowly beaten by Gay Fandango at Ascot and won a handicap at Newmarket.

Her fellow travellers are Penny Post and Mrs Tiggywinkle, who finished first and second in the Bunbury Cup, and Super Kelly, a recent winner at York. Mrs Tiggywinkle is 7lb better off with Penny Post for a neck beating, but Rozel Buoy, who finished fourth, also ran fourth in the Jersey Stakes behind Joking Apart. A line through him gives the younger filly the edge.

The best of the home-trained representatives are also fillies, for Joking Apart should find both Broadway Dancer and Princesse Lee hard to beat. Broadway Dancer failed twice over [illegible] in May and has not ru[illegible] stable companion, Lam[illegible] a similar course last ye[illegible] this race after a three [illegible] off. Princesse Lee suff[illegible] delays on her journey [illegible] before finishing a mo[illegible] behind Flirting Aroun[illegible] She had *run that horse* in her only other rac[illegible] Sky Commander and [illegible] others I expect to run.

Copte is a second horse returning after rest. Like Broadway has not run since May *finished fifth, four* lengths behind Le Bav[illegible] and threequarter len[illegible] Sagaro in the Prix du [illegible] was a late withdraw[illegible] Ascot Gold Cup, in w[illegible] comfortably defeated [illegible] But Copte is a stone be[illegible] both his rivals and sh[illegible] the form.

Sagaro was tried ove[illegible] in the Prix Maurice de [illegible] weeks ago. Though favourite he finished 10 runners. He meets up, Chawn, and the Strike Lucky, again, a be expected to run three-year-olds with are the Grand Prix de [illegible] and sixth, Citoyen and [illegible]

PRIX MAURICE DE GHEEST (Group III: £8,700: Tomorrow)

040440	El Toro (R. Appere), J. Audon, 7-8-13
2-40030	Nose For Money (W. Bleidner), C. Doumen, 6-8-13
0110-22	Bayraan (Mrs A. Neuhut), F. Mathet, 1-8-13
00013	Tarik (F. Ostermann), O. Langner (in Germany), 5-8[illegible]
1-41020	Soyez Brave (R. Scully), J. Fellows, 1-8-13
210-430	Northern Taste (Z. Yoshida), J. Cunnington, 4-8-13
00-1203	Lt Hobson (M. Zermati), P. Biancone, 5-8-13
01-311	Penny Post (P. Butler), J. W. Watts, 5-8-11
4-00022	Mrs Tiggywinkle (T. F. Blackwell), B. Hobbs, 4-8-10
3-22221	Super Kelly (Mrs B. Attenborough), A. Corbett, 3-8-7
11430-0	Sky Commander (E. V. Benjamin), G. G. Millbank, 3-8-7
031203	Mendip Man (Mrs J. David), A. Paus, 3-8-7
010-003	*Raise A Lady* (Z. Yoshida), R. Carver, 3-8-7
1-3321	Joking Apart (HM The Queen), I. A. Balding, 3-8-4
2112-30	Delmora (G. A. Oldham), F. Boutin, 3-8-4
2001-04	Let Me Win (R. Wattinne), G. Bridgland, 3-8-4
3302-20	Princesse Lee (J. Wertheimer), A. Head, 3-8-4
121-30	Broadway Dancer (D. Wildenstein), A. Penna, 3-8-4
214-001	Vanda Diana (M. H. Wrigley), G. Bridgland, 3-8-1

4-1 Broadway Dancer, 6-1 Princesse Lee, 8-1 Bayraan, Raise [illegible] Joking Apart, Mrs Tiggywinkle, 12-1 Northern Taste, Sky Com[mander] Delmora, Penny Post, 16-1 Mendip Man, 20-1 Soyez Brave, 25-1 [illegible] Diana, 33-1 Super Kelly, Tarik, 30-1 others.

PRIX KERGORLAY (Group II: £14,400: 1m 7f: To[morrow])

30-2310	Sagaro (G. A. Oldham), F. Boutin, 4-9-4
04-0112	Le Bavard (H. Aubert), M. Bonaventure, 4-9-0
11321-0	Copte (D. Wildenstein), A. Penna, 5-8-5
00-0112	Chawn (G. White), M. Clement, 5-8-5
40-1200	Hobnob (R. B. Moller), H. Wragg, 5-8-5
1-34431	Moss Trooper (Mrs P. Burrell), H. Murless (in Ireland)
0-02020	Good Point (Mrs R. Courtois), J. Laumain, 3-8-5
0301	Principlas (N. B. Hunt), M. Zilber, 3-8-5
173/2	Citoyen (Baron L. de Rede), J. M. de Choubersky, [illegible]
30-0030	Strike Lucky (Sir M. Sobell), J. Cunnington Jnr, 3-8-5
0-14121	*Santokeino* (A. Weisweiller), C. Chevalier du Fau, 3-8[illegible]

9-4 Sagaro, 4-1 Le Bavard, 11-2 Chawn, Citoyen, 13-2 Copte, 14-1 Hobnob, Strike Lucky, 20-1 Moss Trooper, 33-1 Santokeino [illegible]

Gloucester battle through heavy weather

By Alan Gibson

CHELTENHAM: Gloucestershire (18 pts) beat Warwickshire (5) by four wickets.

Wins are scarce in the Vale of Severn this summer, even if sunshine is not. Gloucestershire managed their second of the season just after four o'clock yesterday, on another day of burdensome heat. They did make, as John Snagge once said of a struggling Oxford crew, rather heavy weather of the heavy weather, but the Gloucestershire supporters were so pleased to see the full points collected that all recriminations were forgotten five minutes after the *winning hit.*

What made it a good day's cricket was less Gloucestershire wobbliness than Warwickshire application. Warwickshire never gave up, and at one point had a real chance of an unexpected victory. They began the day at 154 for five, only 30 runs ahead, with the main batting gone. Humpage and Oliver continued their fifth wicket stand until the score was 177, when Oliver was smartly caught at short leg, off Mortimore. Mortimore bowled well again. The pitch took spin, but too slowly to be menacing.

Humpage and Hemmings, playing carefully, made another good partnership, but Brown—the Gloucestershire captain—took three wickets in three overs, and though Hemmings was resolute and unbeaten (and might surely have batted earlier in the order of the present Warwickshire side) Gloucestershire needed only 111 to win, when they went to bat after luncheon.

It did occur to me that Warwickshire, with their limited bowling, might be a more formidable proposition with 111 to get than, say, 200. Brown—the Warwickshire captain—and Perryman could fling themselves into it without worrying about saving energy for the last few overs, or such problems as where to place the field when Kallicharran goes on. I put this point of view to my colleague, Peter Cranmer, of another newspaper, but he seemed preoccupied with other matters. This may have been because he had lately visited, under stress, the Ladysmith loo. He told me that there has been an improvement: the toilet paper is now held in place by an empty beer can. This is, nevertheless, a breach of tradition. I am sure they did not have canned beer in the Boer War.

Anyway, Brown and Perryman did let themselves go. Twenty-five overs were bowled before the first change, in all that burbling beat. Their figures at this time were: Brown, 13 overs, two maidens, 39 runs, two wickets. Perryman: 12 overs, two maidens, 31 runs, four wickets. Perryman, a Birmingham boy who is a fine prospect for Warwickshire, had the better figures, but it was Brown, pounding in from his great long run, looking an England bowler, as he was not so long ago, who sustained and nearly carried the assault.

Gloucestershire were three for three: Knight and Sadiq both caught at slip, Stovold leg-before. Procter played courageously, as usual, though obviously not fit. I know how keen he is to play, but I wish he would forget about *this season, and remember that he* has years yet to give to cricket, which will be lost if he cracks himself in two. Zaheer, who had been unable to field (I think the word would be "indisposed") played some firework strokes.

These two banged their fours *and strolled their singles,* but were both suddenly out, perhaps taking too much for granted. At a quarter past three, when much needed drinks were brought out, Gloucestershire were 52 for five, 21 overs bowled. Soon afterwards they were 57 for six, with their captain out.

One last burst from David Brown might win the match. He consulted Kanhai after his eleventh over, and again after his twelfth. When he went off after his thirteenth, it was an admission of defeat. If the spinners were to be used at all, they should have been used earlier. Brown put all his back and his hope into his challenge, and is not to be blamed for its failure. Graveney and Shepherd made the winning partnership. Shepherd batted especially well. He had withstood the bowling at its fiercest. Shrewd, tubby Devonian that he is, he knows that if you can battle through the heavy weather there comes a calm day.

WARWICKSHIRE: First Innings, 263 (A. I. Kallicharran 98).

Second Innings

R. N. Abberley, l-b-w, b Davey	3
J. A. Jameson, c Childs, b Knight	11
J. Whitehouse, b Mortimore	45
A. I. Kallicharran, c sub, b Mortimore	60
R. B. Kanhai, st Stovold, b Childs	6
†G. W. Humpage, c Stovold, b Brown	39
P. J. Oliver, c Sadiq, b Mortimore	17
E. E. Hemmings, not out	30
*D. J. Brown, c Graveney, b Brown	0
S. P. Perryman, c sub, b Brown	0
P. J. Lewington, c Stovold, b Davey	5
Extras (b 10, l-b 6, w 1, n-b 1)	18
Total	234

FALL OF WICKETS: 1—8, 2—14, 3—113, 4—126, 5—126, 6—177, 7—219, 8—221, 9—221, 10—234.

BOWLING: Davey, 15—3—38—2; Knight, 12—5—37—1; Graveney, 13—6—49—0; Mortimore, 36—18—30—3; Childs, 21—12—19—1; Sadiq, 12—5—23—0; Brown, 5—1—10—3.

GLOUCESTERSHIRE: First Innings, 387 (Zaheer Abbas 91, M. J. Procter 63, A. W. Stovold 77; P. J. Lewington 5 for 93).

Second Innings

R. D. V. Knight, c Kallicharran, b Perryman	0
Sadiq Mohammad, c Kallicharran, b Brown	2
†A. W. Stovold, l-b-w, b Perryman	0
M. J. Procter, c Lewington, b Perryman	18
D. R. Shepherd, not out	39
Zaheer Abbas, c Lewington, b Perryman	12
*A. S. Brown, c Jameson, b Brown	5
D. A. Graveney, not out	16
Extras (b 5, l-b 13, w 1)	19
Total (6 wkts)	111

J. Davey, J. B. Mortimore, J. H. Childs, did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1—2, 2—2, 3—3, 4—34, 5—46, 6—57.

BOWLING: Brown, 13—2—39—2; Perryman, 13—2—31—4; Lewington, 5.1—2—13—0; Hemmings, 5—1—9—0.

Umpires: K. E. Palmer and D. J. Constant.

Sussex beaten without much trouble

HOVE: Glamorgan (18 pts) beat Sussex (7) by 96 runs.

Sussex gave an inept batting display against Glamorgan yesterday, losing without much of a struggle after being set to score 293. They were tumbled out for 196.

Greenidge and Barclay looked to have given them a fairly sound start with 34, but the bowling of Cordle, Solanky and Armstrong, backed up by smart catching, *led to their* downfall. Faber, who had hammered the Glamorgan attack in the first innings, was smartly stumped off Solanky to be fifth out for 14 at 81, while his captain, Graves, fell to one of several slip catches.

The Sussex batting lacked drive and character, *although the tail-*enders showed some enterprise. The biggest partnership of the innings came from the eighth wicket pair, Spencer (30) and Waller (27), who added 53. Solanky finished with four wickets for 39, to add to his three for 35 in the first innings.

GLAMORGAN: First Innings, 356 for 7 (R. C. Davis 123, L. W. Hill 65 not out).

Second Innings

A. Jones, c Faber, b Waller	51
G. P. Ellis, c Waller, b Phillipson	17
R. C. Davis, l-b-w, b Spencer	48
*Majid Khan, c Faber, b Marshall	17
L. W. Hill, b Marshall	3
J. W. Solanky, c Mansell, b Waller	11
A. E. Cordle, b Spencer	12
M. A. Nash, not out	46
†E. W. Jones, b Spencer	21
G. D. Armstrong, l-b-w, b Spencer	3
J. A. Hopkins, not out	2
Extras (b 2, l-b 3, n-b 6)	11
Total (9 wkts dec)	248

FALL OF WICKETS: 1—43, 2—83, 3—117, 4—127, 5—158, 6—158, 7—198, 8—232, 9—234.

BOWLING: Spencer, 20—4—67—4; Marshall, 17—5—54—2; Phillipson, 13—1—23—1; Waller, 18—3—52—2; Barclay, 5—0—43—0.

SUSSEX: First Innings, 312 (M. J. J. Faber 76, J. J. Groome 60).

Second Innings

G. A. Greenidge, c Davis, b Cordle	18
J. R. T. Barclay, c E. Jones, b Armstrong	26
A. E. W. Parsons, c Hill, b Armstrong	4
*P. J. Graves, c Hill, b Solanky	12
M. J. J. Faber, st E. Jones, b Solanky	14
J. J. Groome, l-b-w, b Solanky	8
†A. W. Mansell, run out	9
C. E. Waller, b Cordle	27
J. Spencer, c Hill, b Cordle	30
R. P. T. Marshall, c E. Jones, b Solanky	20
C. P. Phillipson, not out	4
Extras (b 2, l-b 9, w 13)	24
Total	196

FALL OF WICKETS: 1—34, 2—39, 3—64, 4—81, 5—81, 6—98, 7—113, 8—169, 9—184, 10—196.

BOWLING: Nash, 8—0—23—0; Armstrong, 16—3—51—2; Cordle, 16—5—40—3; Solanky, 10.4—1—39—4; Davis, 9—0—19—0.

Umpires: J. F. Crapp and D. G. L. Evans.

Leading batting averages

	Inns	Not Out	Runs	Highest Innings	Avge
G. Boycott	[illegible]	4	1294	17*	71.88
B. A. Richards	25	4	1305	135*	68.71
J. M. Brearley	25	6	1290	150*	67.75
B. F. Davison	24	4	1117	189	55.85
G. M. Turner	19	[illegible]	887	214*	55.45
R. W. Tolchard	22	8	766	106	54.71
C. H. Lloyd	17	3	748	167*	53.43
R. Illingworth	23	8	798	88	53.20
A. W. Greig	31	1	1304	226	52.51
B. R. Hardie	29	4	1086	162	49.36
D. R. Cidse	22	4	829	178*	46.05
Majid Khan	27	1	1055	114	45.87
Asif Iqbal	18	4	640	107	45.71
R. G. Lumb	31	6	1129	118	45.16
D. S. Steele	27	3	1066	126*	44.41
J. H. Hampshire	25	5	877	127	43.85
D. L. Amiss	25	1	1049	145*	43.72
R. M. C. Gilliat	23	4	808	115	42.53

*Signifies not out.

Bowling

	Overs	Mdns	Runs	Wkts	Avge
M. Hendrick	385.1	120	820	61	13.44
P. Lever	219.6	68	564	38	14.52
D. L. Underwood	305.4	125	649	44	14.75
K. D. Boyce	260.5	59	678	45	15.06
P. Lee	390.2	113	1200	77	15.58
Sarfraz Nawaz	430.1	112	1115	66	16.89
S. Venkataraghavan	341.1	97	860	50	17.20
G. G. Arnold	387.1	105	960	54	17.77
J. W. Solanky	239.2	61	628	35	17.94
T. E. Jesty	297	86	750	40	18.75
J. C. J. Dye	344.1	80	924	49	18.85
K. Shuttleworth	307.5	86	717	37	19.38
C. M. Old	271.4	76	727	36	20.19
M. A. Nash	535.5	145	1455	72	20.21
J. K. Lever	450.1	101	1064	52	20.46
B. S. Bedi	459.2	149	1132	55	20.58
P. Carrick	401.1	147	997	48	20.77
G. I. Burgess	355.3	97	851	38	22.39
J. M. Rice	323.5	95	826	36	22.94

Today's cricket

TEST MATCH
LORD'S: England v Australia (11.30 to 6.30).

COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP
CHELTENHAM: Gloucestershire v Worcestershire (11.30 to 7.0).
CANTERBURY: Kent v Middlesex (11.0 to 6.30).
MANCHESTER: Lancashire v Warwickshire (11.0 to 6.30).
LEICESTER: Leicestershire v Derbyshire (11.30 to 7.0).
NORTHAMPTON: Northamptonshire v Essex (11.0 to 6.30).

MINOR COUNTIES
IPSWICH: Suffolk v Buckinghamshire.
SHERBORNE: Dorset v Devon.
OXFORD: Oxfordshire v Berkshire.

Tomorrow

JOHN PLAYER LEAGUE (2.0 to 6.40).
CARDIFF: Glamorgan v Yorkshire.
CHELTENHAM: Gloucestershire v Essex.
CANTERBURY: Kent v Sussex.
MANCHESTER: Lancashire v Leicestershire.
BYFLEET: Surrey v Nottinghamshire.
BIRMINGHAM: Warwickshire v Somerset.
WORCESTER: Worcestershire v Derbyshire.

MINOR COUNTIES
SHERBORNE: Dorset v Devon.
OXFORD: Oxfordshire v Berkshire.
WELLINGTON: Shropshire v Bedfordshire.

Second XI competition

THE OVAL: Middlesex II, 368 for 9 dec and 304 for 4 dec (I. Gould 66, R. O. Butcher 65, M. W. Gatting 50 not out); Surrey II, 318 and 94. Middlesex II won by 260 runs.

BOURNEMOUTH: Kent II, 177 and 223 (C. J. Tavare 97; E. Jackson 5 for 36); Hampshire, 444 for 5 dec (Hampshire won by an innings and 45 runs.

NUNEATON: Essex II, 247 for 6 dec and 251 for 1 dec (K. S. McEwan 135 not out, R. M. O. Cooke 100); Warwickshire II 200 and 275 for 9 (M. R. Wood 51). Match drawn.

Virgin resigns

Roy Virgin resigned as captain of Northamptonshire yesterday.

County championship

	P	W	L	D	Btg	Blg	Pts
Hampshire (2)	15	7	4	3	37	45	148
Yorks (11)	14	6	1	7	40	47	147
Kent (10)	15	6	2	5	37	47	144
Lancashire (8)	15	6	2	5	37	47	144
Essex (12)	15	6	3	4	39	40	139
Glamrgn (16)	13	6	3	2	31	45	136
Leicester (4)	13	6	1	6	50	37	136
Northants (3)	13	5	6	2	26	50	126
Surrey (7)	13	4	2	7	39	45	124
Warwick (9)	15	4	6	5	29	41	110
Worcester (1)	15	3	3	7	33	44	109
Derby (17)	13	4	5	4	20	45	105
Notts (15)	13	2	6	5	37	47	104
Middlesex (6)	16	3	4	6	29	39	99
Somerset (5)	13	2	7	4	35	43	98
Glos (14)	13	2	7	4	29	38	87
Sussex (13)	15	1	9	3	25	42	77

1974 positions in brackets.

Minor Counties

READING: Devon, 188 for 6 dec and 138 for 5 dec (R. Harriott 89 not out); Berkshire, 195 for 2 dec (C. Casemore 119 not out, B. Johnston 60) and 128 for 8. Match drawn.

IPSWICH: Suffolk, 179 (R. W. Hooker 4 for 55); Buckinghamshire, 170 for 9.

Under-25 competition

NOTTINGHAM: Derbyshire, 188 for 4 (H. Cartwright 100 not out, G. Miller 56); Nottinghamshire, 173 for 5 (J. D. Birch 65 not out, B. Dexter 60). Derbyshire won by 16 runs.

Schools results

DOVER: G. H. G. Doggart's XI, 167 and 157 (N. Anderson 6 for 69); ESCA XI, 121 and 204 for 3 (P. Taylor 100 not out).

Cycling

Halesowen crash in quarter-fi[nal]

There were several crashes in the quarter-final round of the national club team pursuit cycling championships, sponsored by Newmark, over 4,000 metres, at Leicester last night.

Halesowen were eliminated from the competition in their ride against Dinnington when three of the Midland team crashed after a touch of wheels. The Archer-Cutty Sark quartet proved the fastest, as they were in the qualifying round, easily eliminating Beeston.

Birmingham, despite losing one of their four men ea[illegible] successful in defeati[ng] Paragon with anoth[er] club, the 34th Nom[ads] paid to the hopes [illegible] The Nomads were u[illegible] lose their best man, [illegible] who crashed *after* fo[ur] laps. Like the trio fro[m] [illegible] he was not badly hurt.

The four teams, w[illegible] in the semi-final roun[d] Archer-Cutty Sark, w[illegible] 4min 46sec was a[illegible] record, Birmingham, [illegible] and Dinnington.

Congress in Berlin

Geneva, August 1.—The International Motor Cycle Federation announced here today that it would hold its annual congress in West Berlin from October 25 to November 1.—Reuter.

Pakistan score[s]

Toronto, Aug 1.—[illegible] Captain Abdul Ra[illegible] Pakistan defeat Keny[a] hockey match here la[illegible] *Canadian team,* be[illegible] 6—0

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Racing

No rocking of Sauceboat, who has matured since Child Stakes

By Michael Phillips, Racing Correspondent

There can be no doubting that the five-day fiesta at Goodwood has been an outstanding success. With the racing matching the brilliant weather, the course has lived up to its glorious tag and everything looks set fair for the meeting to end on a high note this afternoon, when there are two races each boasting £10,000 added, the Nassau Stakes and the PTS Laurels Stakes.

The first named is a group two pattern race for fillies aged three and more, run over a mile and a quarter, and the other is a handicap for four-year-olds and older horses, run over the same distance. Both races are fascinating in their different ways, the Nassau Stakes because it has brought Sauceboat and Roussalka into the open again, and the PTS Laurels for its extreme openness.

The Nassau Stakes has long been a favourite of Noel Murless and the Hornung family, whose stud is not many miles from Goodwood. Cranberry Sauce, the dam of Colonel John Hornung's hope, Sauceboat, became the best filly over a mile and a quarter in 1967, though she did not win this race. When I went around Warren Place in the spring, Murless told me that he thought Sauceboat would be his principal classic hope among his fillies had she not pulled a muscle in her quarters in March.

That injury was to keep her off the course until the second week of July, when she appeared for the first time on the third and last day of the July meeting at Newmarket. Even Murless doubted whether his filly would be fit enough to beat Roussalka that day in the Child Stakes, and I daresay Lester Piggott, who rode Roussalka, thought the same because he rode so confidently he gave everyone the impression that he felt he must have had Belle Etoile under him.

But for once Piggott erred. He not only overestimated his own filly, but also gravely underestimated Sauceboat, who won by three-quarters of a length. Today the weights favour Roussalka to the tune of 4lb and Piggott is unlikely to make the same mistake. But it is only reasonable to assume that Sauceboat has improved, and I think that she will be capable of asserting herself again. It was at Goodwood last year that Sauceboat created such a favourable impression when she won the Selsey Stakes by a wide margin. If she is the filly that her experienced trainer has always believed her to be, even Roussalka should not be able to give her 3lb.

Hail the Pirates, Vincent O'Brien's runner in the PTS Laurels, won the Chesterfield Cup last year over this course and distance. He carried 10st then and he has the same weight again. But his task look demonstrably harder. Hail the Pirates will relish the fast ground, but even he may be unable to give 9lb to Understudy, who was beaten only a length by the much-improved Record Run at Frankfurt last month. Record Run, you may recall, won the Prince of Wales Stakes on the first day of Royal Ascot.

Understudy had run well enough in the Westbury Stakes at Sandown Park, and in the Jubilee Stakes at Kempton Park earlier in the season, to suggest that he ought to win a prize of this nature this season. Perhaps this will be the day. Sir Penfro, Arthurian, Prominent, who won this race in 1971, and who finished second in it two years later, Bright Fire and Blaskette—they should all find favour here and there around the paddock beforehand, but probably the real question is whether Hail the Pirates can give the weight to Understudy.

The conditions of the two races for two-year-olds would seem to suit My Fair Niece and Pasty. My Fair Niece, a half-sister to Roussalka, by Great Nephew, made a pleasing start to her career when she won her first and only race so far at Lingfield Park, and she is my selection for the Rous Memorial Stakes. Pasty, my choice for the Lavant Stakes, is still undefeated after venturing forth from Lambourn to Wolverhampton and Sandown Park. She did particularly well at Sandown to beat Alacriter, who had won her three previous races, one of which was at Kempton Park, where she beat Delta Song and Ashabit, the two who had the finish of the Foxhall Stakes to themselves here on Thursday.

Key of the Kingdom did not impress me when I saw her win the Star Stakes at Sandown Park last month, and there must be a doubt whether she can give Pasty 6lb. Pasty is one of a number of talented two-year-olds to have emerged from Seven Barrows during the last month and Bedfellow, who won the Selsey Stakes at Goodwood yesterday, is clearly another. She had not run before, but she dominated the race in much the same way that she stole the show in the paddock beforehand. My eye went back to her again and again and I thought here is a really high-class filly to look at.

That was precisely what the race was to depict. It was not so much what she beat that was so impressive, it was the way that she did it. The sight of Bedfellow winning so easily was a shred of comfort to her owner and breeder, Louis Freedman, who lost her elder half-sister, the Oaks winner, Polygamy, when she died last Saturday carrying her first foal. But in Bedfellow, who is by that great racehorse and classic stallion, Crepello, Mr Freedman would seem to have found another budding young star.

This has been a great week for Barry Hills. He landed his fourth big catch and his third at Goodwood when Duboff won the Extel Handicap. It was always on that this tough filly might be a blot on the handicap carrying only 8st, for she had won six races in a row before she took her chance in the Irish Oaks, in which she turned out to be out of her depth. It was also possible that this race might have come a fraction too soon after her fruitless visit to Ireland. But Duboff is as tough as old boots and there was no holding her once William Carson set her alight.

Duboff was the one that O'Brien feared when we were discussing the chance of his runner, Imperial March, the day before, and how right he was. I think it would have been much closer if Imperial March had had a better run. He lost a good position at a crucial stage at the top of the hill and then found a wall of horses confronting him halfway up the straight. Piggott had to switch to the rails, but by the time Imperial March was through the opening that presented itself there, Duboff, who had had a trouble-free passage on the wide outside, had flown. Hard Day, Tiger Train and Red Regent were the only other runners who distinguished themselves. Breeding pundits will not be slow to point out that Duboff is out of a mare by Worden II. And so is Grundy.

Hills and Carson also combined to win the seller with Whitstable, who was sold at the ensuing auction for 2,200 guineas to Bruce Atkinson, a Brighton accountant whose first racehorse she is. Curtains, a really attractive little filly by Busted, did well to win the Dandizette Handicap carrying 9 st 2 lb. In so doing she earned a crack at the Galtres Stakes at York later this month.

It was on this day a year ago that her elder half-brother, Final Chord, was just beaten in the big race by Take a Reef. Yesterday, the backers of Curtains could always be confident of collecting once she had taken the measure of Ticklish. Henry Candy, who won the Goodwood Stakes on Wednesday with Dubrovnik, saddled Ranksborough to win the Surplice Stakes. This was a feat of training on Candy's part because it was Ranksborough's first race this season, and his first since he ran in the Observer Gold Cup last autumn. He was trained then by Denys Smith. Candy now trains most of the horses that L. B. Holliday has in training, and in Ranksborough they seem to have a promising young stayer.



Duboff and William Carson (right) outstay Imperial March (Lester Piggott) to win the Extel

STATE OF GOING (official): Goodwood: firm. Newmarket: good to firm. Thirsk: firm. Windsor: good to firm. Newton Abbot: firm. Market Rasen: firm. Monday: Ripon: good. Bath: hard. Folkestone: firm.

Matthias faces a stern test in Drury Lane

By Jim Snow

Since jockeys such as Lester Piggott, Geoffrey Lewis, Joe Mercer, Frank Durr and others must be approaching retirement before long, there will be wide open spaces among the top echelon in a few years. For this reason the series of races, promoted by Crown Plus Two, has a special importance.

The tenth round is run this afternoon at Thirsk. John Matthias, who rides Ian Balding's Silchester, won the title last year. With it he won a free trip to Trinidad in the winter, guaranteed number of rides and a handsome voucher for expenses.

Silchester has been unplaced in his two races, but Matthias, at present in the lead with 18 points, may have to give way to Shawn Salmon, rider of William Elsey's filly, Drury Lane. Salmon has won 24 races this season, an excellent total for an apprentice, and he has the advantage of knowing the sharp Thirsk mile and its problems. Drury Lane finished fourth in her last two races, running particularly well in a handicap at Liverpool a fortnight ago behind Snake Dance.

Several of John Dunlop's horses, who were successful on the Scottish circuit, are stopping off here and there on their long journey to Arundel. Man of Harlech is one. On Tuesday at Redcar, following a victory in Scotland, he won unchallenged. He should have his second success within the week in Thirsk's principal race, the Crathorne Stakes over seven furlongs.

Asa Yolson, from Douglas Mark's Lambourn stable, and Heraclius will extend him fully in his attempt to complete a treble. Last week at Wolverhampton Asa Yolson, running for the first time, won by five lengths. Heraclius, whose grand dam, Honeylight, won the 1,000 Guineas for the late Captain Charles Elsey, has won his last two races at Catterick and Warwick. Both were over seven furlongs.

The first nursery handicap of the season for two-year-olds is to be run at Newmarket and Thirsk today. National Hunt racing also starts at Market Rasen and Newton Abbot. Newmarket stages the Tolly Cobbold Trophy, over six furlongs, for two-year-olds who have won or been second, third or fourth.

Frank Durr's mount, Admiral Count, may make up for his defeat at Lingfield last month. There he started odds on and had every chance as he came to the final furlong. But he swerved violently to the left and was beaten two and a half lengths by Simon Slingsby. The handicapper has given him only 7st 12lb, and with a furlong less than he had at Lingfield, he may be too good at the weights for Endless Echo.

Crime Buster, second twice before winning comfortably at Kempton, has sound claims in the Cardinal Handicap. Heracles ran well enough at Wolverhampton, when second to Peter Walwyn's smart colt Pigsticker, to be selected for the Pegasus Stakes. Heracles was bought as a foal for 2,200 guineas, but his owner lost money for he was sold a year later for 940 guineas as a yearling.

Henry Cecil's Amboise was third at Newmarket to Riboboy, who went on to win the Lanson Champagne Stakes at Goodwood on Thursday. With his advantage in the weights, Amboise should be too fast for Mimika and Wickwell in the Exeter Stakes, the third race on the Newmarket programme for two-year-olds.

Goodwood programme

[Television (BBC1): 1.45, 2.15, 2.50 and 3.20 races]

5 ROUS MEMORIAL STAKES (2-y-o: £1,696: 6f)
12 Cerrib (Mrs Glazebrook), P. Walwyn, 9-1 .. P. Eddery 5
20310 Yankel (Sir J. Cohen), R. Smyth, 9-1 ...... A. Murray 3
01 Balldon (D) (A. Penfold), S. Woodman, 8-11 R. Fox 4
2011 Maynooth (Miss Cooper-Dean), I. Balding, 8-11 J. Mercer 1
1 My Fair Niece (D) (J. Philipps), B. Hobbs, 8-8 G. Lewis 2
4 Cerrib, 11-4 My Fair Niece, 100-30 Maynooth, 6-1 Yankel, 9-1 Balldon.

5 LAVANT STAKES (2-y-o: £1,598: 5f)
411213 African Winner (D) (Mrs Wade), C. Brittain, 9-0 L. Piggott 4
21 Key of the Kingdom (D) (Mrs Mullion), I. Balding, 9-5 J. Mercer 1
211111 Short Reign (D) (G. Blum), Blum, 9-0 .... T. McKeown 3
11 Pasty (D) (G. Williams), P. Walwyn, 8-11 P. Eddery 2
5-8 Pasty, 9-4 Key of the Kingdom, 5-2 African Winner, 11-2 Short Reign.

P.T.S. LAURELS HANDICAP (£8,640: 1m)
3010-23 Hail The Pirates (D) (D. Galbraith), M. O'Brien, 5-10-0 L. Piggott 6
10-3000 Sir Penfro (D) (J. Philipps), M. Stoute, 4-9-9 G. Lewis 7
30-0024 Arthurian (Mrs Hanes), H. Cecil, 4-9-9 ...... G. Dettori 8
0-14202 Understudy (L. de Rothschild), P. Walwyn, 4-9-5 P. Eddery 15
012-00 Straight Flight (D) (Sir M. Sobell), W. Hern, 4-8-11 J. Mercer 4
1000-00 Merry Kerry (Mrs Coleman), J. Sutcliffe, 6-8-10 B. Rouse 9
000-000 Welsh Harmony (J. Pearce), Doug Smith, 4-8-10 T. McKeown 11
10-0403 Prominent (CD) (P. Wright), J. Bethell, 8-8-9 I. Johnson 5 10
024-042 Bright Fire (D) (H. Blagrave), Blagrave, 7-8-7 R. Wernham 5 1
120040 Kunpuu (D) (J. Kashiyama), R. Houghton, 4-8-1 J. Morris 3
40-2230 Blaskette (D) (Mrs Owen George), N. Vigors, 4-8-1 P. Cook 5
023114 Katka (D) (E. Brown), Denys Smith, 5-8-0 .. A. Barclay 2
304223 Lollogill (A. Richards), D. Hanley, 3-7-10 .... R. Fox 5 12
Hail the Pirates, 4-1 Arthurian, 7-1 Merry Kerry, 8-1 Understudy, 11-1 Prominent, 12-1 Blaskette, 14-1 Lollogill, 16-1 Bright Fire, Katka, Straight Flight, Kunpuu, Sir Penfro, 25-1 Welsh Harmony.

FORM: Hail the Pirates (9st 5lb) ... same by Rymer (8-13) ... Sandown Park ... May 26, Firm, 7 ran. Sir Penfro (9-7) unplaced to Star Appeal ... Sandown (1¼m) July 5. Firm. Arthurian (9-2) 8th of 10, ... 21, behind Libra's Rib (7-11) ... Straight Flight (9-10) 8th Newmarket (1m) July 8. Good. Merry Kerry (9-2) 7th of 11 to Blow This ... Epsom (1¼m) June 5. Firm. Welsh Harmony (8-10) unplaced to Imperial March (7-10) Ascot, 1m, June 17. Firm. 11 ran. Prominent (8-7) third of 15, beaten 6l, 1½l, by Jolly Good (7-8) and Mr Bigmore (7-5), with Kunpuu (8-5) in the rear, York (1¼m 110yds), July 12. Bright Fire (10-0) beaten hd by Paddy Jack (8-8), Newbury (1¼m), July 19. Good. 8 ran. Blaskette (9-0) sixth to ... beaten 8l to Ballad Singer, Lingfield, 1½m, July 11. Good.

NASSAU STAKES (fillies: £10,720: 1¼m)
0-00000 Himawari (J. Kashiyama), R. Houghton, 3-8-5 .. E. Murby 4
14-0012 Roussalka (N. Phillips), H. Cecil, 3-8-8 ...... L. Piggott 2
11-0133 Felled Again (CD) (D. Davidson), P. Walwyn, 3-8-5 P. Eddery 1
20-4300 Lynwood Sovereign (J. Hill), C. Brittain, 3-8-5 A. Murray 6
1-10 Persian Market (O. Waller), J. Hindley, 3-8-5 A. Kimberley 5
01-1 Sauceboat (C) (J. Hornung), N. Murless, 3-8-5 G. Lewis 3
8 Roussalka, 9-4 Sauceboat, 7-2 Felled Again, 5-1 Persian Market, 12-1 Himawari, 25-1 Lynwood Sovereign.

CHICHESTER CITY HANDICAP (£1,266: 6f)
10020-0 Whoomph (C) (C. Newland), G. Hunter, 4-9-9 G. Dettori 5
3-00112 Amadou (D) (W. Reynolds), R. Hanbury, 3-8-6 L. Piggott 2
2111-00 Marcela (D) (J. Bryce), R. Armstrong, 5-8-5 .. J. Mercer 4
0-02233 Virginia Drive (D) (B. Schmidt-Bodner), Doug Smith, 5-8-1 T. McKeown 3
040 Micied (N. Moore), R. Price, 3-8-0 .... A. Murray 5
Amadou, 7-4 Virginia Drive, 5-1 Marcela, 7-1 Micied, 12-1 Whoomph.

TRUNDLE HANDICAP (£1,347: 1½m)
4-01011 Fool's Mate (D) (Lord H. de Walden), H. Cecil, 4-10-0 A. Bond 1
00-0004 Bigribo (Lady Beaverbrook), W. Hern, 4-8-11 J. Mercer 6
021103 Paper Chase (D) (T. Hammond), G. P.-Gordon, 4-8-10 A. Murray 5
00-0130 Alaska Highway (E. Penser), R. Hills, 6-8-5 .... — 2
03030-1 Croome (Mrs Phipps), G. Hunter, 5-8-2 .... G. Dettori 4
0003-04 Favado (D) (Mrs Tudor), R. Akehurst, 6-7-13 R. Wernham 3
4 Paper Chase, 11-4 Fool's Mate, 7-2 Bigribo, 5-1 Alaska Highway, 8-1 Favado, 10-1 Croome.

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Goodwood selections

By Our Racing Correspondent
My Fair Niece. 2.15 Pasty. 2.50 Understudy. 3.20 SAUCEBOAT is specially recommended. 3.50 Amadou. 4.20 Fool's Mate.
By Our Newmarket Correspondent
My Fair Niece. 2.50 Arthurian. 3.20 Sauceboat. 3.50 Amadou. 4.20 Fool's Mate.

Newmarket programme

[Television: IBA: 1.30, 2.0, 2.30 and 3.0 races]

PEGASUS STAKES (2-y-o: £870: 6f)
Emperor of Ghana, C. Brittain, 9-0 .... B. Raymond 19
Festival Hall, H. Wragg, 9-0 .... G. Baxter 13
22 Heracles, I. Walker, 9-0 .... P. Madden 7
08 King Jay, J. Winter, 9-0 .... B. Taylor 3
02 Lorenzo Monaco, H. Williams, 9-0 .... J. Lynch 11
Market Sage, H. Collingridge, 9-0 .... G. Sexton 10
Nailoo Wide, H. Wragg, 9-0 .... — 1
034 Obstacle, H. Candy, 9-0 .... P. Waldron 15
0 Olde Yank, R. Davies, 9-0 .... — 6
Princely, M. Stoute, 9-0 .... E. Eldin 4
0 Prince of Pleasure, N. Callaghan, 9-0 .... W. Hood 8
Zebak, H. Wragg, 9-0 .... G. Starkey 18
Fire Break, W. O'Gorman, 8-11 .... W. O'Gorman 12
Melamine, M. Stoute, 8-11 .... C. Ho Sang 17
0 Path of Gold, R. Smyly, 8-11 .... D. McKay 2
0 Phryal, R. Hobbs, 8-11 .... R. Iago 5
Roaring Mags, I. Walker, 8-11 .... R. Cade 7 16
0 Spoofer, G. Blum, 8-11 .... M. L. Thomas 12
Val d'Isere, B. van Cutsem, 8-11 .... W. Carson 5
Obstacle, 4-1 Val d'Isere, 5-1 Heracles, 6-1 Lorenzo Monaco, 7-1 Phryal, Princely, Zebak, 12-1 Emperor of Ghana, 16-1 others.

COBNUT HANDICAP (3-y-o: £530: 6f)
002002 Zipperdi-Doo-Dah, C. Benstead, 9-? .... — 9
000301 En Suite (D), R. Smyth, 9-1 .... T. Jenkinson 5 7
00-0000 Oldtimer, L. Hall, 8-13 .... D. McKay 2
000-00 Calmin, P. Makin, 8-11 .... G. Baxter 1
0-02004 Oh Well, P. Cundell, 8-10 .... R. Middleton 5 6
0-30244 Here Comes Charlie, T. Corbett, 8-? .... — 4
30-0000 Sea Tiger, W. O'Gorman, 8-7 .... W. Carson 3
000002 Regina Wilhelmina, A. Dalton, 8-5 .... B. Raymond 8
200400 Larella, K. Payne, 8-1 .... T. Lannon 5
00-000 Petite Tot, A. Dalton, 7-12 .... R. Still 10
En Suite, 100-30 Here Comes Charlie, 9-2 Zipperdi-Doo-Dah, 6-1 Sea Tiger, 7-1 Larella, 10-1 Oh Well, 12-1 Regina Wilhelmina, 16-1 others.

TOLLY COBBOLD HANDICAP (2-y-o: £1,825: 6f)
103 Tanella, M. Jarvis, 9-0 .... B. Raymond 9
304 Endless Echo, Doug Smith, 8-7 .... E. Eldin 2
02124 Friendly Builder, N. Callaghan, 8-6 .... W. Carson 1
1002 Tribal Mask, P. Cole, 8-0 .... A. Cressy 5 3
1400 Landed Lady, T. Corbett, 7-13 .... M. L. Thomas 8
0.32 Admiral Count, R. Hanbury, 7-12 .... F. Durr 4
002 United, P. Cundell, 7-11 .... D. Cullen 6
0010 Cotillion, J. Powney, 7-8 .... C. Leonard 5
2003 Chop-Chop, C. Benstead, 7-7 .... D. McKay 7
Admiral Count, 4-1 Landed Lady, Tanella, 6-1 Tribal Mask, Friendly Builder, 8-1 Endless Echo, Cotillion, 12-1 others.

CARDINAL HANDICAP (3-y-o: £711)
0-0000 Candles, J. Powney, 9-8 .... M. Kettle 7
024002 Psalve, D. Sasse, 9-? .... — 5
33-0400 Star Penny, G. P-Gordon, 9-1 .... D. Maitland 5
000221 Crime Buster (D), B. Hobbs, 8-7 .... G. Baxter 8
01-0000 Hula Warrior, G. Harwood, 8-2 .... E. Eldin 2
310036 Got Lucky, H. Wragg, 8-1 .... — 4
0-00100 Anchovy Toast (D), R. Jarvis, 7-13 .... M. L. Thomas 6
260004 Paddy's Luck, C. Benstead, 7-12 .... D. Cullen 9
3104-00 Sadale's Spear, W. Holden, 7-12 .... R. Still 1
Crime Buster, 7-2 Anchovy Toast, 9-2 Psalve, 5-1 Got Lucky, 6-1 Star Penny, 10-1 Hula Warrior, 11-1 others.

EXETER STAKES (2-y-o: £853: 7f)
4134 Mimika, C. Brittain, 8-12 .... W. Carson 7
0-1 Wickwell (D), J. Maxwell, 8-11 .... B. Taylor 2
3 Amboise, H. Cecil, 8-7 .... B. Raymond 6
Captain Flash, H. Wragg, 8-7 .... G. Starkey 5
Old Bill, H. Wragg, 8-7 .... G. Baxter 1
Ribarbaro, M. Stoute, 8-7 .... G. Sexton 8
0 Ferrybridge, N. Murless, 8-4 .... F. Durr 3
0 Ivory Girl, J. Astor, 8-1 .... E. Eldin 4
Amboise, 7-2 Wickwell, 5-1 Mimika, Ferrybridge, 8-1 Ivory Girl, Ribarbaro, Captain Flash, 16-1 Old Bill.

DALHAM HANDICAP (£853: 7f)
42-1004 Rhodomontade (D), P. Walwyn .... G. Baxter 4
14-4024 Happy Victorious (D), Doug Smith .... N. Carlisle 2
120300 The Old Pretender, B. Swift .... C. Ho Sang 5
144-000 Ramadour (C), M. Jarvis, 8-11 .... B. Raymond 7
100021 Battlement, N. Callaghan .... W. Carson 3
20-30 Flying Diplomat, R. Armstrong, 7-13 .... D. Atkinson 8
01100-2 Oswaldkirk (C), N. Murless .... F. Durr 1
030-423 My Ginny, R. Jarvis .... M. L. Thomas 6
Flying Diplomat, 9-2 Oswaldkirk, 11-2 Ramadour, 6-1 Happy Victorious, Rhodomontade, Battlement, 10-1 The Old Pretender.

LINKS STAKES (3-y-o: £669: 1½m)
00-0301 Fiery King (C), W. Hern .... B. Taylor 6
0-00211 Great Balcony (D), H. Wragg .... M. L. Thomas 2
0-021 Mumtaz Princess, B. Hills .... W. Carson 4
000 Goodrewman, H. Thomson, 9-0 .... B. Raymond 1
2 332 Staredo, N. Murless, 9-0 .... E. Eldin 5
0 Destroyal, D. Hanson, 8-11 .... — 3
000 Lora, R. Armstrong, 8-11 .... — 8
00 St Gawain, C. Brittain, 8-11 .... G. Sexton 7
Staredo, 9-2 Mumtaz Princess, 5-1 Fiery King, 7-1 Great Balcony, 10-1 others.

Thirsk programme

[Television (IBA): 1.45, 2.15 and 2.45 races]

1.45 GOLDEN FLEECE STAKES (£449: 2m)
3 3- Poseidon, W. C. Watts, 8-9-0 .... G. Oldroyd 4
3 000-304 Robert de Holland, D. McCain, 4-9-0 .... C. Moss 1
4 -3 Spanish Lacquer, F. Carr, 6-9-0 .... G. Cadwaladr 3
6 0-400uu Aggrawilly, R. Jarvis, 5-8-4 .... B. Connorton 3
7 00-03uu Ballytartar, M. Stoute, 3-8-4 .... J. Higgins 7
10 0-u04 Eternally, S. Hall, 3-8-1 .... E. Johnson 8
11 43a-1-3 Seastreak, J. Hanson, 3-8-1 .... W. Bentley 6
12 0uu-2-3 Sheshoon, W. Stephenson, 3-8-1 .... S. Hives 5 2
15 020000 Warbler, R. Hollinshead, 3-8-1 .... K. Lewis 5 6
2-1 Spanish Lacquer, 5-2 Seastreak, 9-2 Sheshoon, 6-1 Eternally, 8-1 Ballytartar, 10-1 Robert de Holland, 16-1 others.

2.15 COXWOLD HANDICAP (2-y-o: £951: 5f)
3 113104 Delayed Action (CD), G. Toft, 9-1 .... P. D'Arcy 7 11
5 2412 Virginia Wade (D), Doug Smith, 9-0 .... J. Seagrave 7
3 013 Fingora (D), W. C. Watts, 8-11 .... G. Oldroyd 1
5 01213 Palmvinnia (D), J. Etherington, 8-9 .... C. Dwyer 13
8 0041 Royal Pursuit (D), H. Wharton, 8-8 .... D. Gillespie 5 6
10 002200 Pickwood Sue, J. Leigh, 8-5 .... S. Perks 4
11 0210 Song God (D), D. Holmes, 8-4 .... T. O'Ryan 5 8
13 0212 Sunset Song (D), E. Carr, 8-5 .... B. Connorton 9
14 401044 Pams Gleam, R. Hollinshead, 8-5 .... K. Lewis 5 2
18 2303 Matter of Fact, Denys Smith, 7-11 .... L. Charnock 5 10
21 00020 Willamena, S. Nesbitt, 7-4 .... J. Lowe 3
22 000044 Goyer, A. Balding, 7-3 .... S. Salmon 5 12
25 340 Flying Orders, R. Blackshaw, 7-0 .... S. Webster 5 6
5-1 Virginia Wade, 9-2 Delayed Action, 11-2 Palmvinnia, 8-1 Sunset Song, 10-1 Royal Pursuit, Fingora, 12-1 Matter of Fact, 14-1 Song God, Pams Gleam, 16-1 Flying Orders, 25-1 others.

2.45 CROWN PLUS TWO CHAMPIONSHIP STAKES (3-y-o: £1,028: 1m)
1 Barleycroft Star, W. Stephenson, 9-0 .... S. Hives 5 10
2 0402 Five Card Stud, P. Robinson, 9-0 .... P. Young 1
3 300-040 Fixed Target, Denys Smith, 9-0 .... L. Charnock 5
4 2000-00 Give Vent, L. Carr, 9-0 .... P. Harman 5 15
7 Law Bench, W. Stephenson, 9-0 .... M. Saunders 2
8 0-00200 Mount Blessed, M. H. Easterby, 9-0 .... T. Walsh 5 9
10 0-00 Silchester, I. Balding, 9-0 .... J. Matthias 18
11 0000-00 Spring Fling, W. A. Stephenson, 9-0 .... T. Davies 5 17
12 000 Staff Sergeant, J. Dunlop, 9-0 .... D. Gillespie 11
14 000-440 Tootal Boy, F. Wiles, 9-0 .... P. Rutter 7 1
15 0- Bottled Up, S. Nesbitt, 8-11 .... A. Crook 5 15
17 02-0422 Courting Day, W. Gray, 8-11 .... P. Robinson 5 17
18 0 Doreen's Bid, L. Barratt, 8-11 .... P. Steed 5 11
19 204-044 Drury Lane, W. Elsey, 8-11 .... S. Salmon 4
20 004300 Eloquem, M. H. Easterby, 8-11 .... T. O'Ryan 9
21 00-0000 Inishbar, S. Brookshaw, 8-11 .... K. Lewis 12
22 000220 Ivy Dee, J. Cousins, 8-11 .... G. Sekeats 7 3
24 000-300 Kate Louise, G. Toft, 8-11 .... P. D'Arcy 7 8
6-4 Courting Day, 7-2 Mount Blessed, 6-1 Drury Lane, 8-1 Staff Sergeant, Five Card Stud, 12-1 Ivy Dee, 20-1 others.

3.15 CRATHORNE STAKES (2-y-o: £1,126: 7f)
3 1 Asa Yolson, D. Marks, 9-5 .... J. Matthias 5 5
4 013 Blue Cavalier, G. Toft, 9-5 .... B. Connorton 6
7 4211 Heraclius (D), H. Cecil, 9-5 .... J. Higgins 1
9 011 Man of Harlech, J. Dunlop, 9-5 .... D. Gillespie 5 3
11 0000 Holmwood Leap, J. Craig, 8-11 .... K. Leason 3
13 Apple Princess, R. Hollinshead, 8-8 .... T. Ives 8
15 0 Kilcarne Park, M. H. Easterby, 8-8 .... M. Birch 7
17 0 Pay Roll, J. Etherington, 8-8 .... L. G. Brown 4
7-4 Man of Harlech, 5-2 Heraclius, 9-2 Blue Cavalier, 11-2 Asa Yolson, 10-1 Kilcarne Park, 20-1 others.

3.45 JOHN BELL STAKES (Handicap: 3-y-o: £635: 2m)
1 041412 Congenial, M. H. Easterby, 9-7 .... M. Birch 4
2 10-0100 Mistress Clare, I. Balding, 9-7 .... J. Matthias 5 1
3 2-21014 Maria Alexandria, H. Cecil, 9-6 .... J. Higgins 2
5 2111 True Word, P. Robinson, 9-1 .... P. Young 3
11-10 Congenial, 7-2 True Word, 4-1 Maria Alexandria, 8-1 Mistress Clare.

4.15 BRADFORD HANDICAP (£573: 5f)
1 000333 Clear Melody (D), S. Nesbitt, 4-9-12 .... T. Ives 9
2 000411 Power and Glory (D), D. Marks, 4-9-3 .... G. Williams 2
3 030004 Relative Ease (D), T. Fairhurst, 4-9-2 .... S. Webster 5 6
4 311112 Will's Star (D), J. Barratt, 7-8-11 .... C. Moss 4
7 000-000 Olay Dave (D), R. Blackshaw, 4-8-9 .... — 7
8 000033 Beaufort Street (D), A. Dalton, 4-8-8 .... H. Ballantine 5 8
10 4-12160 Offa's Mead (D), J. Bradley, 6-8-6 .... T. O'Ryan 5 6
11 3400-03 Jamar, Denys Smith, 4-8-2 .... L. Charnock 5 5
12 00000- Silver Angel, W. Wharton, 4-8-0 .... J. Reid 5 3
13 03030d Carnival Sovereign (D), E. Weymes, 6-7-11 .... — 10
5-2 Will's Star, 7-3 Power and Glory, 11-2 Clear Melody, 7-1 Jamar, 8-1 Relative Ease, 10-1 Beaufort Street, 14-1 Offa's Mead, 20-1 others.

4.45 CORINTHIAN STAKES (£353: 1m)
1 4403-03 Abbott's Fleece, E. Collingwood, 4-11-9 Miss L. Sidney 5 13
2 400230 Arctic Rascal, J. Bradley, 4-11-9 .... Miss C. Laws 5 8
3 0000 Bold Warrior, J. Berry, 4-11-9 .... Mrs J. Berry 5 4
4 00 Cove Bay, E. Cousins, 4-11-9 .... Mr S. Stanhope 2
5 020-000 Galvanize, F. Wiles, 4-11-9 .... Mr K. Morgan 5 14
6 0 Horn Head, R. Cross, 4-11-6 .... Miss A. Cross 5 10
7 40000 Irish Quicksteps, S. Norton, 5-11-6 .... Mr D. Oldham 5 1
8 Kibenka's Prince, T. Craig, 5-11-6 .... Mr M. Llewellyn 5 16
13 0-0 Thunderbird Go, J. Mulhall, 5-11-6 .... Miss S. Wright 5 7
14 0000-00 Tobago Cays, W. A. Stephenson, 4-11-6 .... Miss B. Oliver 5 5
15 23-0003 Ptarmigan, C. Bewicke, 3-11-6 .... Mr P. Dalby 5 12
16 000304 Spirit of Ecstasy, J. Leigh, 4-11-6 .... Mr N. Richards 4
17 32020-0 Substantial, Miss S. Hall, 4-11-6 .... Mr C. Platts 3
18 0 Swift Miss, D. McCain, 4-11-6 .... Mr T. Cassidy 9
19 40-0 Symphonic, N. Callaghan, 4-11-6 .... Mr A. J. Wilson 11
20 000000 Weepers Rose, R. Clay, 4-11-6 .... Mr E. Robinson 5 15
2-1 Ptarmigan, 100-30 Abbott's Fleece, 4-1 Arctic Rascal, 13-2 Spirit of Ecstasy, 10-1 Substantial, 12-1 Symphonic, 20-1 others.

Windsor programme

6.15 SPRINGFIELD STAKES (2-y-o fillies: £605: 6f)
3 000 Bold Maiden, A. Breasley, 8-11 .... — 11
5 0 Cheddar Pink, B. Hills, 8-11 .... W. Carson 6
7 Corridor, H. Williams, 8-11 .... R. Street 12
8 0 Devil's Dyke, H. Cecil, 8-11 .... — 8
9 Diamond Spray, Doug Smith, 8-11 .... G. Lewis 4
10 Du Tonnerre, P. Haslam, 8-11 .... A. Holland 7 10
12 42002 Fleur D'Amour, P. Cundell, 8-11 .... P. Cook 1
13 04020 Living Legend, D. Whelan, 8-11 .... B. Rouse 7
15 00 Panalogue, A. Johnson, 8-11 .... J. Lynch 3
17 2 Peta, P. Walwyn, 8-11 .... P. Eddery 13
21 0 Powder Room, A. Breasley, 8-11 .... — 9
23 00 Princess Pie Eye, R. Houghton, 8-11 .... — 15
26 03 Saint Motunde, S. Woodman, 8-11 .... T. Cain 5 2
28 0 Timarina, T. Corbett, 8-11 .... M. Thomas 14
30 Vesta Tilly, J. Astor, 8-11 .... M. Kettle 5
2-1 Fleur D'Amour, 9-2 Peta, 5-1 Saint Motunde, 8-1 Cheddar Pink, 10-1 Living Legend, Devil's Dyke, 16-1 others.

6.40 HARCOURT HANDICAP (£421: 1m 70yd)
1 0-00040 Tiger Mask (CD), M. Francis, 5-9-10 .... R. Fox 5 3
2 000-220 Rave On, J. Sutcliffe, 3-9-4 .... B. Rouse 4
3 000000 Landpat, J. Holt, 4-9-4 .... P. Perkins 1
7 000040 Siren Prince, R. Sturdy, 5-9-2 .... G. Ramshaw 6
12 0-33202 Sam Cade, R. Smyly, 4-8-11 .... E. Morby 9
14 0-00000 Grand Rose, V. Cross, 4-8-9 .... A. Kimberley 7
16 24-4432 High Melody, S. Woodman, 4-8-8 .... P. Cook 8
18 030-00 Tycoons Belle, R. Sturdy, 3-8-2 .... — 5
20 000- Galactic, I. Balding, 4-7-10 .... W. Simpson 7 2
7-4 High Melody, 5-1 Sam Cade, 9-2 Tiger Mask, 6-1 Rave On, 12-1 Grand Rose, Tycoons Belle, 20-1 others.

7.10 ROBERT WILMOT CUP (2-y-o Stakes: £1,451: 5f)
2 41032 Attymon Place (D), P. Cole, 9-5 .... R. Edmondson 6
3 211111 Short Reign (D), G. Blum, 9-2 .... — 4
4 2213 Lord Helpus (D), B. Hills, 9-5 .... W. Carson 3
5 4102 Annina (D), R. Hobbs, 9-2 .... G. Lewis 2
6 0200 Fairman, D. Jermy, 8-11 .... P. Eddery 1
8 04 Major John, W. Marshall, 8-11 .... R. Marshall 5
5-4 Annina, 9-4 Lord Helpus, 5-1 Major John, 8-1 Attymon Place, 10-1 Fairman.
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7.40 LYNWOOD STAKES (3-y-o: £432: 1¼m)
1 00000 Bagdad Gold, A. Breasley, 9-0 .... — 7
2 0000- Jackie's Lad, J. O'Donoghue, 9-0 .... — 1
5 000-034 Mantop, C. Brittain, 9-0 .... P. Eddery 3
7 00-010 Skys the Limit, E. Reavey, 9-0 .... — 6
9 0042-00 Black Alice, V. Cross, 8-11 .... A. Kimberley 4
11 0-0 Night Air, B. Hills, 8-11 .... W. Carson 8
16 000-000 Pick Me, Miss N. Wilmot, 8-11 .... G. Ramshaw 9
17 0000 Quick Please, T. Molony, 8-11 .... M. Thomas 5
2-1 Mantop, 7-2 Night Air, 5-1 Black Alice, 13-2 Bagdad Gold, 7-1 Skys the Limit, 12-1 others.

8.10 WESTMEAD HANDICAP (£604: 5f)
2 000040 Perfect (CD), T. Corbett, 6-9-8 .... — 2
4 101-203 Penny Pincher (D), T. Sinions, 5-9-2 .... M. Thomas 1
6 113400 The Solostan (D), J. Sutcliffe, 5-8-9 .... B. Rouse 5
8 020-030 Nalanda, A. Breasley, 5-8-8 .... — 6
11 022202 Far Cry (D), S. Woodman, 4-8-3 .... P. Cook 3
14 000033 Prince Mandarin, C. Benstead, 5-8-0 .... — 4
15 1-03000 What A Picture (D), P. Makin, 5-7-10 .... — 7
11-4 Far Cry, 4-1 Penny Pincher, 7-2 Prince Mandarin, 6-1 Perfect, 8-1 Nalanda, 10-1 The Solostan, 11-1 What A Picture.

8.35 KINGSBURY HANDICAP (£624: 1m 3f 150yd)
1 012-022 Petwood, R. Jarvis, 4-8-11 .... M. Thomas 2
2 402304 Night Sky, S. Ingham, 5-8-7 .... G. Lewis 3
3 422324 Charville, P. Cundell, 4-7-12 .... D. Howie 7 6
4 100-000 Eric Stuart, J. Holt, 5-7-12 .... P. Perkins 4
11 0001- Time Out (C), D. Gandolfo, 5-7-10 .... R. Fox 5 1
12 30-0140 Gay Man, R. Hanbury, 3-7-9 .... N. Crowther 7 7
13 00-0030 Barencroft, A. Breasley, 5-7-7 .... — 8
5-4 Petwood, 7-1 Night Sky, 9-2 Charville, 6-1 Barencroft, 8-1 Time Out, 12-1 Eric Stuart, Gay Man

Windsor selections

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6.15 Peta. 6.40 Sam Cade. 7.10 ANNINA is specially recommended. 7.40 Mantop. 8.10 Far Cry. 8.35 Petwood.
By Our Newmarket Correspondent
6.15 Diamond Spray. 7.10 Annina. 7.40 Mantop. 8.35 Petwood.

Newton Abbot programme

2.15 RUGANTINO HURDLE (Handicap: £578: 2m)
1 421300- Takasaki, P. Cundell, 7-11-7 .... G. Cooper
2 011034- Tiercel (CD), Mrs Dingwall, 5-11-6 .... P. Haynes
4 000100- Corrib Road, A. Arnold, 5-11-5 .... B. Ellison
5 001010- Dee Lane, J. Tomlinson, 5-11-3 .... A. K. Taylor
6 0p0033- Hanzon (CD), F. Rimell, 5-11-2 .... R. O'Donovan
7 000344- Cortanica, F. Muggeridge, 5-11-2 .... T. Muggeridge
9 000001- Lazy Boy, R. Brassey, 6-11-0 .... P. Campbell
11 01003- Miralgo Joe, M. Tate, 7-10-13 .... H. J. Evans
12 u20213- Roc Imp, J. Bradley, 5-10-13 .... M. Williams
13 020101- Olaso Gold, B. Wise, 6-10-10 .... G. Enright
14 000020- Anglesey Royal, R. Keenor, 7-10-10 .... P. Butler
15 000310- Cherry God, A. Jarvis, 5-10-9 .... J. Rees
16 000313- Thomas Edward, M. McCourt, 6-10-9 .... A. Varey
19 00010- Hoxwall, B. Wise, 5-10-2 .... C. Bowen
20 0000u0- Spring Vision, M. Salaman, 7-10-3 .... C. Jones
21 000000- Medway Melody (CD), D. Barons, 6-10-0 .... G. Gomez
3-1 Tiercel, 4-1 Dee Lane, 5-1 Hanzon, 6-1 Takasaki, 7-1 Miralgo Joe, 10-1 Roc Imp, Cherry God, 12-1 Thomas Edward, 16-1 others.

2.45 DUNSFORD STEEPLECHASE (Handicap: £578: 2½m)
2 10214f- Kilmore Boy (D), A. Jarvis, 9-12-3 .... P. Blacker
4 p40pf0- Darcon (C), L. Kennard, 9-11-2 .... E. Wright
5 bf2301- Scottish Folly, R. Bastiman, 8-11-2 .... B. Brogan
7 pc0302- Chief of Staff (D), T. Yarnold, 11-10-9 .... Mr G. Jones 5
10 002f43- Some Surprise, D. Barons, 7-10-4 .... S. May
11 440300- Yes, R. Brassey, 7-10-1 .... J. T. Bourke
12 p2003f- Camp Carson, Mrs Dingwall, 8-10-0 .... J. Suthern
13 403410- Caradoc (D), C. Miller, 7-10-0 .... D. Cartwright
9-4 Scottish Folly, 3-1 Kilmore Boy, 4-1 Darcon, 11-2 Chief of Staff, 8-1 Some Surprise, 10-1 Caradoc, 14-1 others.

3.15 ALPHINGTON HURDLE (Handicap: £340: 2m)
1 0u- Forticum, J. Keen, 9-11-13 .... Mr J. Keen 7
5 0000u- Nuns Sleep, N. Wakley, 10-11-0 .... N. Wakley
6 Jock My Boy, A. Dunn, 6-10-12 .... Mr A. Dunn 7
7 p44242- Canna Light, D. H. Jones, 6-10-10 .... T. P. Walshe 5
8 04pp00- Greendown Paul, D. Gandolfo, 9-10-9 .... W. Shoemark
13 1p0000- Argot (CD), W. Williams, 8-10-5 .... —
14 03000- Quoteezer, M. Tate, 5-10-5 .... R. Dickin 5
16 040000- Pav Aureola, Mrs Dingwall, 5-10-4 .... P. Leando 7
17 400- Gold Stick, R. Keenor, 5-10-3 .... J. Williams
18 0p0230- Qualls, Mrs Whitfield, 4-10-3 .... C. Smith 7
19 p00- Blue Baker, R. Bastiman, 4-10-2 .... B. Brogan
22 000010- Won For John, I. Balding, 4-10-0 .... R. C. Bailey
23 2200- Sunnymede, H. Willis, 6-10-0 .... L. Gibbie 7
24 000c00- Queens Folly, A. Arnold, 8-10-0 .... C. Astbury
25 004002- Golden Litchen, D. H. Jones, 5-10-0 .... —
28 040000- Deroak, F. Muggeridge, 7-10-0 .... T. Muggeridge 7
29 p0000- Billy Whizz, C. Gadd, 6-10-0 .... C. Brown 7
31 p0000- Major, J. Bradley, 5-10-0 .... M. Williams 7
32 pp000- Border Queen, K. Pipe, 4-10-0 .... A. Nixon 5
11-4 Canna Light, 9-2 Quoteezer, 5-1 Greendown Paul, 6-1 Golden Litchen, 8-1 Qualls, Sunnymede, 12-1 Won For John, 16-1 Gold Stick, Blue Baker, 20-1 others.

3.45 LUSTLEIGH STEEPLECHASE (Handicap: £598: 3¼m)
1 042430- Roman Holiday, C. Bewicke, 11-12-7 .... J. King
2 p03022- Prophecy (C), D. Barons, 12-11-7 .... S. May
3 1203p0- Chingley Lass, W. Sleeman, 9-11-5 .... T. Hallett 7
4 43f03f- Fair Spirit, W. Fisher, 9-10-13 .... M. Wagner
5 34f031- Definitely, F. Rimell, 7-10-12 .... K. B. White
7 40- Mr Wong, M. Meade, 10-10-6 .... G. Thorner
8 0000uf- Zabo, R. Clay, 9-10-2 .... J. T. Bourke
9 p4pp0p- Moonarise, A. Hartnell, 7-10-0 .... N. Wakley
10 Softly Softly, J. Cobden, 12-10-0 .... B. Jones 5
7-4 Definitely, 7-2 Prophecy, 9-2 Roman Holiday, 7-1 Fair Spirit, 10-1 Chingley Lass, 12-1 Mr Wong, 14-1 Moonarise, 33-1 others.

4.15 HALWILL STEEPLECHASE (£408: 2m)
1 1400- Fire Red, P. Cundell, 6-11-9 .... J. Francome
2 40000p- Harsh Note, I. Wardle, 9-11-9 .... K. B. White
3 310403- King Credo, C. Bewicke, 8-11-9 .... J. King
4 p00004- Lord Atika, L. Cottrell, 9-11-9 .... J. Guest
5 0000- Whirlpool, L. Kennard, 7-11-9 .... E. Wright
7 00243f- Coxmoor Maid, R. Bastiman, 5-11-6 .... B. Brogan
8 0p0002- Alvergo, R. Clay, 6-11-4 .... P. Connors 5
9 24320p- Ludicrus Sextus, A. Stevens, 8-11-4 .... R. Champion
12 p0320- Wild Peter, J. Bradley, 8-11-1 .... S. Jobar
13 0- Windfall VI, C. Miller, 7-11-4 .... D. Cartwright
14 f40f- Fair View, J. Bloom, 5-11-1 .... N. Kernick
9-4 Fire Red, 7-2 King Credo, 5-1 Coxmoor Maid, 8-1 Whirlpool, Ludicrus Sextus, 10-1 Wild Peter, 11-1 Lord Atika, 16-1 Alvergo, 20-1 others.

4.45 WIDECOMBE-IN-THE-MOOR HURDLE (3-y-o: £476: 2m)
1 Adamay, F. Rimell, 11-0 .... K. B. White
2 Beyond A Dream, C. Dingwall, 11-0 .... D. O'Donovan
3 Brooklyn, W. Sleeman, 11-0 .... T. Hallett 7
4 Clevara, A. Stevens, 11-0 .... R. Champion
5 Deighton Prince, R. Bastiman, 11-0 .... B. Brogan
6 Doubtful Lad, F. Gorman, 11-0 .... Mr D. Curtis 7
7 El Basque, P. Cundell, 11-0 .... J. Francome
8 Epping Forest, C. Bewicke, 11-0 .... J. King
9 Frankly Speaking, A. Stevens, 11-0 .... N. Kernick
10 Hello Sailor, J. Haine, 11-0 .... J. Haine
11 King of the Blues, G. Kindersley, 11-0 .... H. Barry 7
12 Little Ditch, G. Kindersley, 11-0 .... W. Shoemark
13 The Lubistein, V. Cross, 11-0 .... F. McKenna
14 Lucky French, P. Haslam, 11-0 .... B. McNally 7
15 Mac, D. Barons, 11-0 .... M. Barrett 7
16 Old Swindford Lad, J. Gilbert, 11-0 .... M. James 7
17 Sky Myth, L. Kennard, 11-0 .... E. Wright
9-4 Little Ditch, 5-1 El Basque, 6-1 Sky Myth, 8-1 Deighton Prince, Adamay, 12-1 Doubtful Lad, The Lubistein, 16-1 Mac, Hello Sailor, Epping Forest, 20-1 others.

Newmarket selections

By Our Racing Staff
1.30 Heracles. 2.0 En Suite. 2.30 Admiral Count. 3.0 Crime Buster. 3.30 AMBOISE is specially recommended. 4.0 Oswaldkirk. 4.30 Mumtaz Princess.
By Our Newmarket Correspondent
2.0 Sea Tiger. 2.30 Admiral Count. 3.0 Crime Buster. 3.30 Amboise. 4.0 Flying Diplomat. 4.30 Staredo.

Thirsk selections

By Our Racing Staff
1.45 Spanish Lacquer. 2.15 Virginia Wade. 2.45 Drury Lane. 3.15 MAN OF HARLECH is specially recommended. 3.45 True Word. 4.15 Power and Glory. 4.45 Spirit of Ecstasy.
By Our Newmarket Correspondent
1.45 Ballytartar. 2.15 Virginia Wade. 3.15 Heraclius. 3.45 True Word.

Thirsk results

2.15 (2.17) TOPCLIFFE PLATE (2-y-o: £545: 7f)
Laujock, b c, by Laurel—Corla Jara (W. Stephenson), 9-0 .... D. Ryan (5-1) 1
Easby Saint, b f, by Saintly Song—Melpoire Cheri (Mrs W. Blow), 8-11 .... M. Birch (6-1) 2
Beverley, b f, by John Splendid—Ardent Worker (W. Lockwood), 8-11 .... J. Seagrave (8-1) 3
ALSO RAN: 7-2 fav Button Boy, 13-2 Sonic Melody, 8-1 Columbiew, 11-1 Midnight Movie, Worthy Star (4th), 16-1 Thatched House Lad, 20-1 Red Salamn, Linthorpe, Travelling Show, Hatfield Star, Roadshow. 14 ran.
TOTE: Win, 71p; places, 20p, 17p, 26p. W. Stephenson, Royston. 2l, 1l.

2.45 (2.48) COWESBY HANDICAP (£1355: 7f)
Old Cart, ch g, by Right—Roulen (G. Adshead), 4-7-12 .... R. Cloisworthy (8-1) 1
Marcus Came, br g, by Marcus Superbus—Miss Givins (W. Sowerby), 5-8-7 .... T. Davies (15-8 fav) 2
Vila Real, gr f, by Town Crier—Goldelope (M. Cotterill), 4-7-1 .... M. Wigham (10-1) 3
ALSO RAN: 7-2 Queensway (4th), 6-2 Wolds Way, 12-1 High Bounty, 16-1 Harry Churchills, 50-1 Three-One-Three, 100-1 Rollers Jenny. 9 ran.
TOTE: Win, £2.10; places, 22p, 19p, 26p; dual forecast, £2.05. W. Wharton, Melton Mowbray. 1½l, 1½l.

3.15 (3.16) THOMAS LORD HANDICAP (£658: 1m)
Barsheba, b m, by Kibenka—Barwin (Mrs C. Keeling), 5-9-6 .... D. Ryan (2-1 fav) 1
Double River, b c, by Forlorn River—May Double (J. Taylor), 4-9-6 .... B. Connorton (7-1) 2
Sindab, b c, by Aberdeen—Sind (R. Spright), 4-8-12 .... J. Lowe (11-2) 3
ALSO RAN: 5-1 Gambela (4th), 6-1 Princely Mount, 7-1 Humber Pilot, 10-1 Decision, 50-1 Hatfield Heath. 8 ran.
TOTE: Win, 30p; places, 13p, 30p, 16p. W. Stephenson, Royston. 1½l, 1l.

3.45 (3.49) SEDALE PLATE (3-y-o: £545: 1½m)
Philip Green, b c, by Spare King—This and That (W. Stoker), 9-0 .... E. Apter (100-30) 1
Light Infantry, b c, by Hotfoot—Twinkling Star (Lady Cohen), 9-0 .... E. Eldin (7-4 fav) 2
Forsaken, ch f, by Bold Lad—Fotheringay (Lavinia Duchess of Norfolk), 8-6 D. Gillespie (5-2) 3
ALSO RAN: 10-1 Beryl's Boy (4th), 13-1 Jislajet, 20-1 Hurricane Jules, 33-1 Linnhead, Eastcote. 8 ran.
TOTE: Win, 45p; places, 11p, 11p, 17p; dual forecast, 51p. W. Gray, Beverley.

4.15 (4.16) SUTTON HANDICAP (3-y-o: £613: 5f)
Musical Comedy, b f, by Busy Season—Star (Lavinia Duchess of Norfolk), 9-3 .... D. Gillespie (6-4 fav) 1
Bunny Boy, b c, by Right Boy—Baggage (J. Rodgers), 8-12 .... J. Seagrave (9-2) 2
Blue Prince, b c, by Native Prince—Blue Saree (G. Brown), 7-4 .... J. B. Moore (13-1) 3
ALSO RAN: 4-1 Friendly Carmont, 5-1 Rustic River, 14-1 Dava Rose (4th), The Ings, 25-1 Smartie Pants (disq). 8 ran.
TOTE: Win, 23p; places, 16p, 19p, 40p; dual forecast, 43p. J. Dunlop, Arundel. 1l, 1l. After a stewards inquiry Smartie Pants was disqualified from third place and Blue Prince was awarded third place.

4.45 (4.46) SESSAY PLATE (2-y-o: £587: 6f)
Scattered Scarlet, b c, by Hotfoot—Storm Widow (Mrs A. Mears), 8-7 .... J. Seagrave (2-9 fav) 1
Micjac, br c, by Highland Melody—Harmahal (J. Harrison), 8-4 .... S. Freeman (4-1) 2
Tower King, b c, by So Blessed—Follow Elizabeth (J. Finlayson), 8-11 .... L. G. Brown (16-1) 3
ALSO RAN: 25-1 Wistanwick. 4 ran.
TOTE: Win, 11p; forecast, 15p. M. W. Easterby, at Flaxton. 5l, 4l.
TOTE: Barsheba and Musical Comedy, £2.90. Treble: Old Cart, Philip Green and Scattered Scarlet, £10.25

Market Rasen programme

6.0 LOUTH HURDLE (£576: 2m)
1 000000- Country Cousin, P. Bevan, 6-11-3 .... R. Weaver
2 4pu00p- Deny's Cottage, F. Barton, 6-11-3 .... Mr Barton 7
3 r03p00- Santa Eulalia, D. Yeoman, 6-11-3 .... N. Tinkler 5
5 400f- Sleeper King, F. Dever, 6-11-3 .... J. Glover
6 00f320- Bright Baby, A. Kemp, 5-11-0 .... M. Lowry 7
8 00- Handyman, P. Allingham, 5-11-0 .... —
9 00002- Tragacanth, G. Richards, 5-11-0 .... J. O'Neill
10 Don Rogan, D. McCain, 4-10-7 .... M. Blackshaw
12 330200- Hardinge Arms, S. Palmer, 4-10-7 .... —
13 000432- Pop Talk, J. Berry, 4-10-7 .... C. Tinkler
15 000003- Psideric, T. Kersey, 4-10-7 .... Mr Kersey 7
17 000100- Rutland, M. Chapman, 4-10-7 .... —
18 000f- Serag, S. Norton, 4-10-7 .... B. Fletcher
19 pp0000- Sivaron, V. Thompson, 4-10-7 .... K. Gray 5
22 00- Whatsname, J. Hardy, 4-10-7 .... S. Holland
23 0000f- Whistling Goose, F. Wiles, 4-10-7 .... S. Wiles 7
24 0000- Young Stuart, D. Doyle, 4-10-7 .... J. Doyle
2-1 Tragacanth, 5-1 Pop Talk, 9-2 Bright Baby, 6-1 Hardinge Arms, 10-1 Santa Eulalia, 12-1 Psideric, 20-1 others.

6.30 SPILSBY STEEPLECHASE (£432: 2m)
1 pp- Fascination, J. Bowman, 9-11-6 .... K. Gray 5
2 0p02- King's Robe, J. Bissill, 7-11-6 .... C. Tinkler
3 023333- Laredo, J. Hardy, 7-11-6 .... S. Holland
5 p- Chukka, D. McCain, 5-11-3 .... M. Blackshaw
7 103003- Two for Joy, P. Rohan, 5-11-2 .... M. Lowry 7
8 0fpp4- Chartist, C. Hassell, 7-10-13 .... I. Watkinson
6-4 Laredo, 5-2 Two for Joy, 4-1 King's Robe, 8-1 Chukka, 12-1 Chartist, 20-1 Fascination.

7.0 BRIGG HURDLE (Handicap: £608: 2m)
1 000f40- Coome Pride (CD), A. Bacon, 5-11-7 .... G. Shaw
2 040100- Prosecute, C. Hassell, 4-11-7 .... P. Stockdale 7
3 013r- Royal Refuge, Mrs Greenall, 4-11-6 .... Mr Greenall 5
4 100021- Master Scorchin, M. H. Easterby, 4-11-3 .... P. Broderick
8 121030- Red Earl, J. Berry, 6-10-11 .... N. Tinkler 5
9 3210- Pingo (D), S. Norton, 4-10-10 .... B. Fletcher
10 f- Jantom (D), D. Ringer, 5-10-10 .... —
11 021033- Breakaduck (D), W. A. Stephenson, 4-10-10 .... R. Collins 7
12 ff10f- King's Savings (D), J. Berry, 6-10-9 .... C. Tinkler
13 431- Persian King (D), W. Wharton, 5-10-8 .... J. Nolan
15 00044- Jamaya (CD), J. Webber, 5-10-5 .... A. Webber
16 000044- Timandamus (CD), T. Kersey, 8-10-1 .... D. Munro
17 f0000f- The Jolly Ringer (D), A. Potts, 4-10-0 .... D. Atkins
18 p00000- Misty Dream (D), G. Wallace, 5-10-0 .... R. Weaver
19 040p00- Elton, P. Poston, 5-10-0 .... —
21 000000- Welshes (D), L. Carrod, 5-10-0 .... —
22 0001- Marchi, J. Twibell, 9-10-0 .... P. Salmon 7
5-2 Master Scorchin, 4-1 Breakaduck, 9-2 Timandamus, 6-1 Royal Refuge, 8-1 Red Earl, Persian King, 10-1 Pingo, 16-1 others.

7.30 ALFORD STEEPLECHASE (£510: 2m 5f)
1 003000- Dan Bornu, G. Richards, 8-11-6 .... J. O'Neill
3 30p333- Scatterbrain, D. Ancil, 8-11-6 .... D. Sunderland
5 004000- Persian Room, J. Harris, 5-11-0 .... J. Nolan
6 Gang Bang, A. Brewster, 7-10-13 .... J. Mooney 7
7 u2p- Kilton Lad, J. Hardy, 6-10-13 .... S. Holland
9 000p- Laxford Bridge, V. Thompson, 6-10-13 .... K. Gray 5
10 p04004- Level Start, D. Nicholson, 6-10-13 .... J. Suthern
13 00cp3- Oscar Lad, S. Smith, 9-10-13 .... Mr Bennett 7
14 0- Wily Talke, M. H. Easterby, 5-10-7 .... P. Broderick
11-8 Scatterbrain, 11-4 Dan Bornu, 4-1 Kilton Lad, 8-1 Oscar Lad, 10-1 Wily Talke, Level Start, 20-1 others.

8.0 GAINSBOROUGH HURDLE (£819: 2m)
2 40000- Donagamore, S. Smith, 8-11-8 .... Mr Bennett 7
3 030- Loyal Scot, A. Dent, 7-11-8 .... Mr Wright 7
4 422- Regandedgar, J. Millington, 6-11-8 .... Mr Millington 7
5 0f004- Wilbenear, J. Harris, 7-11-8 .... D. Nicholson 7
6 020040- Equivocal, D. Ancil, 5-11-2 .... D. Sunderland
8 003003- Kindred Spirit, E. Morgan, 5-11-2 .... —
11 Alexander De Doun, A. Brewster, 4-10-10 .... J. Mooney 7
15 002322- Barclay's Own, B. Richmond, 4-10-10 .... J. O'Neill
17 04- Curzon Park, G. Scarle, 4-10-10 .... G. Scarle
18 Drollens, V. Thompson, 4-10-10 .... I. Watkinson
20 Flaxmead, W. A. Stephenson, 4-10-10 .... R. Collins 7
23 04- Panio, P. Ashworth, 4-10-10 .... J. Glover
24 34- Percewood, W. Stephenson, 4-10-10 .... M. Gifford
26 Quorlyn, A. Smith, 4-10-10 .... N. Tinkler 5
28 0- Tudor Image, S. Palmer, 4-10-10 .... —
29 f- Whispering Grass, V. Thompson, 4-10-10 .... K. Gray 5
32 Corner Queen, D. Chapman, 3-10-4 .... —
33 Cresta Way, A. Balding, 3-10-4 .... P. Brogan
35 Grecian Fighter, J. Hardy, 3-10-4 .... S. Holland
36 Le Poet, G. Richards, 3-10-4 .... D. Goulding
37 Olympic Leader, G. Kindersley, 3-10-4 .... C. Candy
40 Wren Green, D. Chapman, 3-10-4 .... —
3-1 Percewood, 4-1 Barclay's Own, 5-1 Regandedgar, 15-2 Equivocal, 8-1 Kindred Spirit, 10-1 Flaxmead, 12-1 Panio, 20-1 others.

8.30 CAISTOR STEEPLECHASE (Handicap: £524: 2m)
2 011400- Sir Mago, J. Hardy, 8-11-7 .... S. Holland
3 322231- Gay Como (D), J. Berry, 6-10-12 .... C. Tinkler
6 4p4041- Pollock Fair (CD), J. Harris, 9-10-12 .... J. Nolan
7 f2340p- Cruiscin Lan (D), D. Ringer, 8-10-11 .... G. Holmes
8 400120- Dixie Cartoon, J. Webber, 8-10-9 .... A. Webber
10 324000- Goldy's Boy (D), S. Palmer, 9-10-7 .... —
11 01pp30- Walden Rights (CD), F. Wiles, 10-10-5 .... S. Wiles 7
12 Gallic Rebel, S. Supple, 6-10-4 .... T. Bridge 5
15 120f00- Dites Donc, D. Chapman, 6-10-3 .... —
9-4 Gay Como, 3-1 Pollock Fair, 9-2 Cruiscin Lan, 6-1 Dixie Cartoon, 8-1 Dites Donc, 10-1 Walden Rights, 16-1 others.

Market Rasen selections

By Our Racing Staff
6.0 Tragacanth. 6.30 Laredo. 7.0 Timandamus. 7.30 Dan Bornu. 8.0 Barclay's Own. 8.30 Gay Como.

Newton Abbot selections

By Our Racing Staff
2.15 Tiercel. 2.45 Kilmore Boy. 3.15 Canna Light. 3.45 Definitely. 4.15 Coxmoor Maid.

Goodwood results

2.0 (2.2) SELSEY STAKES (2-y-o fillies: £1,081: 6f)
Bedfellow, b f, by Crepello—Seventh Bride (L. Freedman), 8-11 .... P. Eddery (6-1) 1
Maple Syrup, ch f, by Charlottown—Sweet Solera (Mrs S. Castello), 8-11 .... L. Piggott (11-4) 2
Miss Dublin, br f, by Tudor Melody—Miss Ireland (J. Pearce), 8-11 .... T. McKeown (25-1) 3
ALSO RAN: 11-8 fav Stop the Music (4th), 11-1 Conciliation, 16-1 Bines Bridge, Wimberry, 25-1 Keelhaul, Shanghai Lady, Countess Ragusa, Perbury, Stream, Sweet Hortense, Tomfoolery. 14 ran.
TOTE: Win, 48p; places, 20p, 18p, 48p. P. Walwyn, at Lambourn. 2½l, 1l. 1min 13.22sec.

2.30 (2.31) DANDIZETTE HANDICAP (3-y-o fillies: £1,347: 1½m)
Curtains, b f, by Busted—Last Call (T. Egerton), 9-2 .... J. Mercer (6-1) 1
Jolly Smooth, b f, by Jolly Jet—So Smooth (B. Loverock), 7-2 .... R. Fox (14-1) 2
Ticklish, b f, by Baldric II—Funny Bone (P. Arnold), 8-5 .... L. Piggott (15-8 fav) 3
ALSO RAN: 13-2 Donna Nook, 7-1 Fly For Home, Norfolk Light (4th), 9-1 Quietness, 10-1 Gemini Miss, 20-1 Quick Chorus. 9 ran.
TOTE: Win, 71p; places, 22p, 50p, 15p; dual forecast, £4.27. W. Hern, at West Ilsley. 2½l, 2½l. 2min 38.50sec.

3.5 (3.9) EXTEL HANDICAP (3-y-o: £8,871: 1¼m)
Duboff, b f, by So Blessed—Proper Pretty (Mrs C. Radclyffe), 8-0 .... W. Carson (7-1) 1
Imperial March, ch c, by Forli—Victorian Dancer (W. Mullady), 9-8 .... L. Piggott (5-2 fav) 2
Hard Day, b c, by Hard Tack—Daemono (Sir D. Clague), 7-1 .... R. Fox (13-2) 3
ALSO RAN: 7-1 Yamadori, 8-1 Ruling Class, 10-1 Tiger Trail (4th), 12-1 Red Regent, Rio Alta, 14-1 Boulevardier, 16-1 Tuparamare, 16-1 Chappelle Blanche, 33-1 Berfelt. 12 ran.
TOTE: Win, 69p; places, 21p, 15p, 17p. B. Hills, at Lambourn. 3½l, 4l. 2min 07.62sec. Jolly Good and Noble Bay did not run.

3.35 (3.39) GOODWOOD STAKES (2-y-o: £1,650: 6f)
Whitstable, b f, by Native Prince—Sheila's Pett (V. Behrens), 8-8 .... W. Carson (3-1 fav) 1
Prince Lambourn, br g, by Prince de Galles—Red Favourite (A. Cles), 8-6 .... R. Edmondson (6-1) 2
Gravers Boy, b c, by King's Leap—Camulla Mary (Mrs A. Grady), 8-6 .... L. Piggott (9-2) 3
ALSO RAN: 8-1 Discerning, Royal Dart, 10-1 Lucky Chap, 12-1 Gilken Queen, Threshold Payment, 14-1 Over Twenty One (4th), 16-1 Gala Season, 20-1 Highdown Streak, Square Gift, Willie May, Bold Destiny. 14 ran.
TOTE: Win, 56p; places, 17p, 31p, 15p. B. Hills, at Lambourn. 5l, hd. 1min 13.56sec. Winner was sold to Mr B. Atkinson for 2,200 gns.

4.5 (4.8) ALBERT HANDICAP (£1,211: 7f)
Kashmir Love, ch c, by Kashmir II—Red Sunset (D. Robinson), 4-9-8 .... B. Raymond (11-2) 1
Firetail, gr c, by Birdbrook—Dicky Bird (Maj D. Russell), 4-8-9 .... W. Carson (7-2) 2
Summer Knave, ch h, by Midsummer Night II—Belle Affaire (J. Pearce), 5-9-2 .... T. McKeown (2-1 fav) 3
ALSO RAN: 6-1 Somersway (4th), 10-1 Boundless, 11-1 Great Echo, 12-1 The Godsen, 14-1 Briarvanter. 8 ran.
TOTE: Win, 46p; places, 15p, 13p, 13p; dual forecast, 76p. M. Jarvis, at Newmarket. 2l, 3l. 1min 27.98sec. Crescendo did not run.

4.35 (4.38) SURPLICE STAKES (3-y-o: £1,221: 1¾m)
Ranksborough, b c, by Reliko—Heath Rose (L. Holliday), 8-9 .... P. Waldron (5-2) 1
Hipparion, gr c, by Sayfar—Grecian Palm (Lord W. de Broke), 8-11 .... B. Taylor (11-8 fav) 2
Limpopo, ch c, by Crepello—Zambesi (Lord H. de Walden), 8-9 .... A. Bond (7-4) 3
TOTE: Win, 45p; forecast, 57p. H. Candy, at Wantage. 1l, 2l. 2min 10.02sec.

5.5 (5.6) COCKING HANDICAP (3-y-o: £904: 5f)
Some Night, b c, by Galivanter—Penitent (Mrs D. Goldstein), 7-9 .... R. Fox (7-2) 1
Singing Time, b c, by Manacle—Five Minutes (Mrs C. Neal), 8-8 .... M. L. Thomas (9-1) 2
Chaplin, b c, by Silent Screen (United States)—Juliet's Song (Mrs J. Cook), 8-5 .... L. Piggott (3-1 fav) 3
ALSO RAN: 9-2 Shackle, 6-1 Mark Jason (4th), 10-1 Algora, 11-1 Sicasanta, 14-1 Vrondi. 8 ran.
TOTE: Win, 46p; places, 18p, 22p, 12p; dual forecast, £1.79. R. Akehurst, at Lambourn. 2½l, ½l. 59.64sec. Starlit Way did not run.

TOTE DOUBLE: Duboff and Kashmir Love: £15.50. TREBLE: Curtains, Whitstable and Ranksborough: £36.95. Jackpot: Not won. Consolation dividend, £111.70.

Llanuwchllyn is a community of cousins, an oasis, contented and uniquely Welsh . . . but how long can it last?

The threat hanging over a perfect corner of Wales

I doubt that any village in Britain is richer than the one which lies between the Aran mountain and Bala Lake, in north Wales. Llanuwchllyn, whose name needs practice by English tongues, has a community life of astonishing creativity. And when people talk of "The Welsh way of life", a concept, part-myth, part-hope, part-fact, which is a potent element in the new Welsh consciousness, and in Welsh politics, they have in mind a community like this. Yet, for all its vitality and apparent strength, it is vulnerable, even fragile; and like many another Llan could be wrecked in a generation.

Although only an hour's drive from the English border, the village has remained utterly Welsh. It has retained a grip on the sort of values and priorities that had vanished in most of rural England 40 or 50 years ago, and have crumbled *in much of* rural Wales

Llanuwchllyn has 700 people, three nonconformist chapels, a church, an inn, a bobby, a school, a post-office-cum-store, a grocery shop, two graveyards, a carpenter-undertaker, a garage and a hall. In the neighbourhood there are 60 farms. The people work on the land, in the nearby creamery, in the forests and in the offices and schools of Dolgellau and Bala. Depopulation is an underlying long-term problem, but there is no unemployment in the district and no-one is poor.

At the last general election 520 of the 550 people on the electoral roll voted, the majority of them for Plaid Cymru. Most of the villagers belong to a chapel, even if they are no longer regular attenders. Almost all live their lives through Welsh and do not need to use English much.

The pub is closed on Sunday because the county of Merioneth voted in the last Sunday opening referendum to *stay "dry"*. And the seventh day is not given over, as in England, to car washing, lawnmowing and power drilling. The Sunday sound of Llanuwchllyn is peace.

It is wrong, however, to conclude that the village is chapel-*garrisoned and repressed. The* weekday sound is of music, laughter and debate because Llanuwchllyn is heir to a tradition of busily creative self-entertainment. It is an oasis in a spreading desert.

Last year the village won an award for being the most culturally active in Wales. It has seven choirs, including a famous one which tours abroad and makes records, seven drama groups, five well-known poets and about six minor ones, and a pop group. The local eisteddfod has a reputation for high standards and this year, although packed as usual, it finished early at 1.30 am.

Sideboards glitter with eisteddfod trophies. A collection *of the work of prize-winning* local poets, published annually, sells 1,000 copies. The village holds some kind of record for book buying. The village hall is the most-used in the county and is booked every night for rehearsals, meetings, debates and word-battles between teams of poets. In the height of the culture season, from harvest thanksgiving to St David's Day, men come home from work and ask "What's on tonight?" and they do not mean television. There are busy branches of the Women's Institute, of Merched y Wawr, the Welsh-language women's movement, and of the Welsh youth league. There is also a gardeners' club. There is little gambling in Llanuwchllyn, and most people get no closer to the devil in this respect than to take part in the *gyrfa chwist* (whist drive) and the *turnamaint draffts*.

The village school provides the kind of imaginative, small-class education that many city parents would envy. There are 74 children, aged four to 11, *taught by a headmaster and* four teachers. From an early age they have close contact with music and poetry, and they all have an opportunity to learn the harp.

Gareth Owen, aged 28, who teaches in Bala, moved to Llanuwchllyn from south Wales two years ago to ensure that his children were brought up in a Welsh-speaking environment. "My language *and culture are fundamental* and I passionately want them to survive. I sometimes think it would be better for the health of the language if more of us in Wales were Welsh monoglots."

The home-grown cultural wealth of Llanuwchllyn is shown off with pride at Eisteddfodau, but is never a folkloric exhibition for tourists. Culture in this village is not saleable, or a commodity dished out like porridge because it is good for you: it is lived.

For this reason it is difficult for many villagers to comprehend the anxiety often expressed elsewhere about the health of Welsh. They, after all, might not speak English from one week to the next, and their Welsh way of life is as natural to them as sleep and food.

But that is a false security. The threats, even to this strong and busy community, are plain. Arthur Williams, who moved to the village nine months ago from Anglesey, said: "Llanuwchllyn is like *Anglesey was 25 years ago*, thoroughly Welsh. But go to Anglesey now, look at the extent of immigration from England, see how it has deteriorated culturally."

To understand the threats we must look at the strengths. There are four reasons why Llanuwchllyn has remained fertile, closely knit, contented *and Welsh. Firstly, it has deep* roots. Many of the people occupy houses that have been in their families for two centuries or more, and are the branches, or at least twigs, of a few great families. Llanuwchllyn is a community of cousins, and the word *achau*, the sense of family, has real meaning here. Funerals, *therefore, tend to be large* gatherings: an English driver who was stopped to allow a funeral to pass counted 76 cars and remarked caustically that it was the largest funeral he had seen since Churchill's.

Secondly, the chapel has remained comparatively strong, and the chapel has been for a long time the central force in Welsh cultural life. Thirdly, Llanuwchllyn has so far been



able to absorb the thin trickle of English immigration. And fourthly, it has community leadership.

There have been changes, of course. Shops have closed because the number of farms *has decreased* and because a lot of farms now have deep freezes. Chapel going has declined although the number of people who never attend is very small; and the pub is now a centre of social life. Mr W. J. Edwards, Congregationalist minister, said: "Many people still use the chapels, but a lot tend to come in for *the choir practice* and not for the services."

All over rural Wales community leaders wonder whether, quite apart from the religious aspect, the shrinking of chapel influence is leading to cultural dystrophy. They say, rightly, that Welsh speech and literature owes much of its vigour and high standards to *the chapels which have been* not only centres of worship, but also of education and appreciation of music and literature. There is concern that the Welsh spoken by young people is losing its old majesty and is on its way to becoming an argot of jargon and slipshod constructions. Welsh-speaking—but what sort of Welsh?

Young people, however, say they care deeply for their Language, that they have fought and suffered for it in a way their elders did not, that more poetry has been written in Welsh these past 40 years than in the past 400, that it has a livelier and more varied existence than at any time in its 15 centuries' history, that the taverns were always the centre of village life before the frowning chapels. "We respect the chapel and love our culture. We just like a pint", a young man said.

What effect the emptying pews will have in the long run is a matter of argument. Another, more visible, threat to Welsh villages is the growing popularity of summer cottages, the *tai haf*, and more permanent English immigration. It is estimated that 40 houses in the Llanuwchllyn area which, 20 years ago, were the homes of Welsh-speaking families, are now *tai haf* or are derelict.

So far, the numbers of English people who have settled permanently, occupying about ten houses, have been too small to offer a threat to cultural and linguistic integrity, or they have been partly absorbed. But, all around, are examples of communities reduced to husks by the combined effect of depopulation, second-home ownership and local government carelessness. For many in rural Wales the word anglicization has come to mean corrosion.

It is fair to say that the scattered *tai haf* in the mountains and forests, some of them on the market after farm amalgamations or the replacement of workers by machines, present little threat: many would have become derelict had they not been bought up for holiday or retirement use. The trouble, the real erosion, starts when outsiders buy up houses in village centres.

Recently, a cottage in the middle of Llanuwchllyn came up for sale and eight local men clubbed together to try to buy it for letting to a Welsh-speaking family. But they were outbid by a *determined* buyer from Birmingham. "It's the hammering in of wedges", a villager said.

Mr Edwards, the minister, said: "We fear a continuing pressure from second-home seekers and we worry in case someone gets permission to build an estate of houses which could be a nucleus of non-Welsh-speaking people. Our feelings have nothing to do with xenophobia; anyone will tell you that we are a welcoming and hospitable community. But what we have can be so easily undermined. There's a village eight miles from here called Llandderfel. Once it had a strong cultural and community life. Now it is a village with a lot of second homes. It is dead."

Few English settlers in rural Wales have seen any purpose in integrating culturally and *linguistically*, although there are signs that attitudes are changing. "It takes only one English speaker to change the language of a meeting. The Welsh are polite and sociable and will readily change the language to welcome a newcomer", Mr Ifor Owen, the village headmaster, said. "Perhaps Welshmen have been too polite for the health of the language. Once there is a nucleus of non-Welsh-speakers in a small community, the Welsh language is on the defensive. It is always *we who have built* the bridges out to the English-speakers; they rarely build bridges out to us."

But some settlers are sensitive enough to recognize that they have moved into a different culture and are prepared to build bridges. Even if they find linguistic integration difficult themselves they see to it that their children are integrated.

Terry and Carol Parmenter made a considerable social and cultural step when they came from Woolwich to settle in Llanuwchllyn five years ago. Mr Parmenter came to start a haulage business and is now a director in an engineering firm. Their sons go to the village school, speak English with a London accent and have fluent Welsh.

"Wales," Mr Parmenter said, "is a foreign land, and to us that is the spice of life.

"The best things about Llanuwchllyn are the community life and the schooling. The boys love school and are getting the sort of education we never even dreamed of. We are proud they speak Welsh so well, and knowing another language broadens their minds. We had doubts at first about the boys going to a Welsh language school, but they took to it so easily and we don't have any worries at all. Look at the eldest boy's report: Welsh reading 91 out of 10; English reading 91 out of 10; total marks 931 out of 100. And he's still only second in the class! They look forward to Sunday school, too, because their interest is captured and there is more to the school than religion.

"It may be a funny thing for a Londoner to say, but because of the importance of the language and they way the boys get on at school in Welsh, we would not like to uproot ourselves now. And people here are kind and concerned and everyone says hello, which is something you don't get in cities. And you have proper conversations with people who call round at election times, a good talk even if you don't agree with their politics.

"I'll admit that the language gets under my skin a bit, *sometimes*, I wish there were a few words of English at the school concert just to k in the picture. But it's country, isn't it; and it's language, and you can se they want to keep it. marvellous thing."

In Llanuwchllyn are three of the most famo tributors to modern Wel sciousness, the Rev Mic Jones, who inspired the colony, in Patagonia; Edwards, a chief inspec schools for Wales who ings gave children and an insight into their and history; and his s Ifan ab Owen Edwards founded the youth mo Urdd Gobaith Cymru.

Although the exp "the Welsh way of life not coined until about 1 ago, these men, and had in their minds the of a Welsh-speaking made up of highly l democratic, classless communities. The elem reality in that concept i steadily eroded, bu romance and hope and which are part of the it, exert a powerful pu defence of the Welsh life, although it is now way of life, plays an im part in Welsh politi burning of a bombing in Wales in 1936, and t tage that followed the ing of a village Llanuwchllyn in the 1 make a reservoir, we done in the name of th way of life and significant events. A enormous effort, in fields, is directed towa defence and promotion ideal.

Because the Welsh l continues in Llanuwchllyn and other communities are both and wells. It may be modern movement to the language was sta time, and that Welsh i bilize. Meanwhile the are very real. For an move carelessly into strong, yet paradoxical ile communities, is an vandalism.

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Behind the vaudevillian smokescreen

In the days when television sets were big and square and their screens small and rounded, few programmes were more popular than the one centred on a dumb blonde and her husband, who didn't seem to have to do more than point with his big cigar.

To the single-channel audience in Britain who grabbed at whatever the Americans were able to supply, they were unrivalled by anything apart from *I Love Lucy* and perhaps Hopalong Cassidy.

George Burns would ask his wife Gracie Allen why she put salt in the pepper pot and she would explain: "Everyone keeps mixing them up, pouring pepper when they want salt. This way, when they make a *mistake, they'll be right.*"

It was, George Burns told me in London this week, perfectly logical, "or what we used to call illogically logical. It was the sort of thing that made sense only to Gracie". The most illogical thing she ever did, so far as he is concerned, was to die of a sudden heart attack 11 years ago. He still talks about her constantly, and about his closest friend Jack Benny, who died at the end of last year.

Today, George Burns himself *is 79 and like a lot of old* people seems preoccupied with old age and friends who are no longer here. "It seems everyone I used to know is now dead." But he says it with a chuckle and a puff at his cigar.

Only once in the past 70 years has he performed without his cigar and that was in *the film he has just completed* with Walter Matthau, *The Sunshine Boys*, his first picture in 36 years. "Walter smokes the cigar in this picture. Every time he started to smoke, I'd try to get very close to him. Sometimes, he thought I got too close, so I'd tell him, 'Walter. It's the cigar—not you'."

The Sunshine Boys is an adaptation of the Neil Simon play about a pair of geriatric vaudevillians who worked with each other for 43 years, and hated every moment of it. "I don't really think you could work with someone for 43 years and hate them", he said pensively. "It's like trying to imagine living for 43 years with a wife whom you hate. You couldn't do that. Or perhaps you could!" he said, still chuckling, still puffing

The 36 years he had with Grace Allen, which began *when he was introduced to her* by a girl he was working with, were the happiest he ever knew. His luck changed in more ways than one. "I was a Sunshine Boy all my life, in vaudeville, but I had a lousy act. I only looked good when I played in theatres that were worse than I was."

But Grace had the feel of an audience and they became a successful team.

Before meeting her he had come along a familiar route for that almost legendary generation of Broadway performers of which he forms part. His father was a synagogue cantor. "He had what we call a disappointment act—when others were sick he went on in their place. He wasn't a very good cantor."

As a small child, he joined the Peewee Quartet who sang



George Burns: in his new film Walter Matthau has the cigar.

whenever they could get a crowd to hear them. "I used to watch a buck dancer in the Hamilton Fish Park. I learnt to dance and I learnt how to pass the hat around when they gave you pennies. I also learnt how if they gave you a dime, to hide it from the rest of the kids. We used to sing on ferry boats. If they liked you they'd give you coins. If they didn't, they'd throw you overboard. It got so I could only sing when I had water in my mouth."

He still likes singing and he recently made an LP. "It sold one copy. My sister Goldie bought it. She played it once and made me give her the money back."

He talks about Goldie almost as often as Gracie. Particularly when he discussed the greats of his "crowd", like Al Jolson or Maurice Chevalier. "I once told Chevalier, 'Maurice, would you do a favour for my sister Goldie?'. He took out a picture of himself and his fountain pen. 'No. Put that away', I told him. 'I want you to have an affair with her'."

Jack Benny—"a darling man"—was originally to play the part of Al Lewis in *The Sunshine Boys*. When Jack died, Irving Fein, who was both his own and Benny's agent, suggested he read for the role, instead. He got the part after reading just two pages.

"I *didn't want to get the* part that way, but I've got nothing to do with the fellow upstairs. He handles it. He's bigger than Irving Fein."

He is self-deprecating about his art of talking as though he were reading from a script. "When I started, we had two magazines—one was *Whiz Bank*, the other *College Humour*. My idea of twisting a joke was taking one out of *College Humour* and saying it came from *Whiz Bank*."

It was about that time that he found a pair of pince-nez *lying on the ground and wore* them because he thought they made him look older. "They belonged to a man of about 70. I used to think that 70 was very old. Now if I meet a man *of 70*, I send *him out for a* glass of water."

He says the only domestic crisis that worries him now is if the soup is cold. "If the soup is hot, I've got no problems." Apart from missing his friends and missing Gracie. "But I'll be with her soon. I'm taking my music with me in case they've got vaudeville there."

Michael Freedland

Sportsview

How a top amateur took on the professionals

Among the sea of not yet familiar faces of American women professionals at Sunningdale next week will be one that will be remembered by Curtis Cup spectators of a decade and more ago. Gundy—the name still slips as easily off the tongue as it did in the fifties and sixties when she was winning her matches against Britain—has been Mrs Joanne Carner for years now. The greatest amateur of her age, she has battled her way to the top in United States professional golf.

Last year with six victories she led the order of merit and was voted golfer of the year by her colleagues. This year Sandra Palmer, to whom she finished second in the United States Open recently, is leading. Mrs Carner lies second; she is 1975 Australian Open champion and has three other tour victories to her credit.

Unlike last year she has given herself plenty of time to prepare for the Colgate tournament which begins on Wednesday. For the past two days she has been relaxing with friends in Scotland. With her has come her husband Don, and the graduate caddy who has been carrying for her this summer. About the only thing they seem to have left behind is the Carner caravan. This is no ordinary trailer, but a 31-foot home on wheels with carpets and hi-fi. More important than the gadgets is the independence it gives her and her husband.

When Mrs Carner turned professional in 1970 they decided that they should play the tour together. They always had done things together—fishing, skiing, and they saw no reason to change. The caravan is evidence of that decision.

One might wonder why, having reached the top in the *amateur world and wanting to* do nothing but play golf, Mrs Carner did not turn professional sooner, but a look at the conditions at the end of the fifties makes it clear. It is hard to believe now, when the tour is worth all of £300,000 a season, that tournaments then offered only a total of £250, nor were there anything like so many.

Every dollar had to be fought for, and this bred a tough group of competitors who regarded askance an overconfident amateur looking over *the fence at their preserves. It* was not so much her five amateur titles as the fact that she had won a professional event as an amateur which was disturbing. Mrs Carner has seen the hard side of life and would have given as good as she got, but she had always enjoyed golf and was not prepared to turn it into a hard struggle.

So she went back to help her husband build up the short course he had started outside Providence, Rhode Island. Its 18 holes claim to test every club in the bag—for one of the holes is very long, and four are of medium length; yet it is all confined within 60 acres. It sounds like a blue-print for the course of the future. It has the added advantage that even the American business man's four-ball could hardly take longer than three hours to get round.

A decade later the course was on its feet, and Gundy's itch to compete was strong as ever. She took another look



Mrs Joanne Carner: "The only thing I do well is play golf."

over the fence, and saw that prize money had swollen to £6,000 a tournament and that players more congenial to her were beginning to join the fray. Some of them were college girls, one or two had competed in the Curtis Cup; the gap between the two worlds was beginning to close and Mrs *Carner's decision to turn* narrowed it still more.

She had not been the greatest amateur since the war for nothing. She won her first tournament within a few months and the United States Open in her second year as professional. Relations were probably not immediately cordial. The caravan added to the air of detachment she may have given to those who did not know her; one or two may have been just plain jealous of her superior powers as a shotmaker. Like any other great name she suffered a slump. Two years ago she lost her swing; in eight consecutive tournaments she failed to qualify for the final day

One of her troubles had always been her feet. Powerfully built with strong thighs, she uses her legs and feet powerfully in hitting the ball farther than any one of her rivals. She has learnt restraint but her feet still roll over as she follows through. Her shoes are usually torn apart after a few weeks.

Last year she took a grip on herself, practised hard, which does not come easily to her, and finished at the top. Some time ago the Ladies Professional Golf Association approached her about becoming treasurer. She declined a job for which she hardly seems suited. "The only thing I can do well is play golf; I can't cook, at least only frogs' legs, and I am a lousy housekeeper. If I had handled all the money I won on and off *the course in* 1974, I would probably have handed the whole $150,000 back to Uncle Sam."

But it would be wrong to see her as someone standing on *the banks of professional golf*, pushing occasionally out into mid-stream to land a fat cheque. She loves the game too much not to want to put something back. She played a full 30 tournaments last year and will respond to a promoter's reasonable request for help.

At Sunningdale last August when David Foster launched their first amateur and professional jamboree for women, *Gundy seemed to have lost her* swing again. Angela Bonallack, an old friend and foe from their Curtis Cup days, watched her at work and approached her diffidently. Er — well — she *hardly liked to mention it*, but she *did* seem to be swinging much faster on the course than in practice. It was the tip of the year. Mrs Carner took a little time to assimilate it, longer than the duration of the Colgate tournament, but on her return to the United States she won the next event, easing up. Mrs Bonallack will be around again next week.

Fortunately they are not paired together the first two days. It is doubtful whether all the professionalism Gundy has learned in five years would be proof against her outgoing nature and friendliness. Memories of the past, with all the fun she has had from the game, might come flooding back and destroy her concentration.

Peter Ryde
Golf Correspondent

George Hutchinson

Should Mrs Thatcher have spoken up?

To many minds—not all, of course—Mrs Thatcher's aspersions on *the Soviet Union and* the realities of détente, actual or prospective, were ill-advised in the immediate context of the European Security Conference *at Helsinki*. No doubt she thought them timely as her principal parliamentary opponent, the Prime Minister, prepared to join his peers at the summit. To others, they were misconceived—not because they were either inaccurate or extravagant, but because they seemed inopportune.

Mrs Thatcher might have spoken even more strongly: the Soviet Government is a hideous tyranny. But she would surely have been wiser to await the outcome at Helsinki and then judge, preferably in consultation with members of her Shadow Cabinet. Mr Maudling, Lord Carrington and Mr Gilmour, to name only three of them, are not inexperienced in the field of world affairs. They understand the pitfalls, the delicacies.

If her intervention—her admonition—was intended for the mass of Conservative supporters, she has probably pleased them and strengthened her claim to their allegiance. For a new party leader, that is a legitimate consideration, though it should not be the first.

But if her object was to impress herself upon a larger —a national and international —audience, and to influence the conference from a distance, even before it had assembled, then she has undoubtedly failed. The reason is not obscure, but all too apparent: Mrs Thatcher has not yet acquired sufficient standing in foreign affairs to be able to command such an audience and address it with authority. On that interpretation, her attempt was premature. She is lacking in experience, and her knowledge is still incomplete. Time and events should repair the first deficiency; her own determination will overcome the second.

Mrs Thatcher's accession to the Conservative leadership, when she dislodged Mr Heath in February, naturally aroused interest all over the world and was accompanied by many expressions of admiration and goodwill from people great and small, important and unimportant. She needs to remember, however, that she is still the Leader of Her Majesty's Opposition, the alternative—not the incumbent—Prime Minister.

When she herself becomes a head of government, other heads of government will listen to her with attention, such is their preference for the realities of power and the company of equals. Until she has attained their league, it would be as well to move with modesty, caution and restraint.

Mrs Thatcher needs to equip herself more fully for the day when she may exchange the shadow of office for the substance. Among other things, that suggests the avoidance of too great a rigidity or inflexibility of purpose, even of commitment (except in principle) in the dangerous sphere of international relations, subject as they are to unexpected change, upheaval and realignment.

As Prime Minister, if her fortunes should flourish, Mrs Thatcher will find herself the ultimate arbiter of British policy towards Russia. For sent, she has no need t herself too freely, too however strong her se may be as she looks understandable distaste

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THE CONGRESS OF HELSINKI

No great hopes should be pinned on the texts which the government leaders of East and West signed in Helsinki yesterday. Nevertheless western leaders were right to attend the ceremony in spite of criticisms which have been levelled against them. Once negotiations were under way in Geneva two years ago the only worth while aim was to get the best possible resolutions into the documents.

The Soviet Union's intense desire for a summit was a lever with which the West could extract concessions. It was used to reasonably good effect. If the West had refused to attend a summit the texts would have been worse. The West would then have been faced with a choice between accepting bad texts or letting the whole conference break down. The first option would have been clearly wrong. The second was considered but rejected in the belief that the damage to the wider fabric of East-West relations would have outweighed the benefits. This was almost certainly true. So Mr Brezhnev was given his summit in return for improved texts. The bargain was worth while because the summit is a transitory thing while the texts remain a permanent reference point in East-West relations.

This is not to say that they will bring about conspicuous or rapid change. The proper way to look upon them is as part of a wider effort to define the terms of détente and to find better ways of sharing the European continent with the Soviet Union and the countries under its influence. Obviously they will be interpreted as giving a slightly increased degree of legitimacy to Soviet gains since the start of the Second World War but they do not surrender anything that the West has not long surrendered in practice, while they do offer some hope of gradual change for the better.

The confrontation of the cold war (which was not the West's fault whatever revisionist historians may say) was dangerous and damaging because it stimulated a high level of military tension, brought harsher conditions for eastern Europe and divided the people of Europe who, in spite of all their wars and rivalries, are linked by geographical proximity, cultural tradition and common economic interests. The only useful by-product of the cold war was the unity of western Europe. This must now be sustained with different stimuli at a lower level of confrontation, just as the regimes of eastern Europe must relinquish the convenient myth that they are threatened by western aggression.

The basic problem in Europe, as in relations between the super powers, is to find the right balance between the adversary and the cooperative elements in the relationship. Obviously a strong element of confrontation remains between two ideologies, two spheres of influence, and two huge accumulations of military power. Yet the terms of confrontation are changing. The level of military confrontation is no longer appropriate to the needs or intentions of either side. Nor do the traditional vocabularies of communism or capitalism correctly describe the systems as they now are, or the relationship between them. The so-called ideological struggle is a complex mixture of power politics, self-justification and genuine differences on how human societies should be run. It requires constant redefinition to keep up with reality. Helsinki is among other things an attempt to maintain the process of redefinition.

There have been significant changes even since the beginning of the first stage of the Helsinki conference. One of them is a change in the balance of confidence. While the communist governments are still defensive on matters relating to human rights and liberties they are becoming more confident in other ways. Their systems are functioning better than they did while western systems are functioning somewhat worse than before. Hence there is less communist insistence on freezing the status quo and more hope that changes in western Europe and the Mediterranean will be to their advantage. This could provide new tests for détente which the West can best meet by giving at least as much attention to the home-grown reasons for left-wing movements as to whatever use the Soviet Union may try to make of them. Britain should be drawn more intimately into these problems now that it is easier to see Europe as consisting of more than nine countries.

AFRICA'S SCRAMBLED SUMMIT

The Organization of African Unity conference of heads of state did more to point up African problems than to find solutions for them. It was already clear from the preparatory meeting of the foreign ministers that the problems had no easy solutions and that the united weight of the African leadership's prestige would be needed to make much progress. From the start, however, the meeting was vitiated by the refusal of the presidents of Zambia, Botswana and Tanzania to attend, in protest against any such meeting in Kampala and one under President Amin's chairmanship — a protest made specific by a devastating attack on him in the Tanzanian press which does not take positions different from President Nyerere. The meeting itself, which only twenty out of forty-six eligible heads of state attended, was then thrown out of gear by the removal from its counsels of General Gowon by the coup which unseated him in Nigeria. Great hopes had been placed in the role he would play.

In spite of the domination of the meeting by the Arab states of Africa, who were certainly backed by the chairman himself (Saudi Arabia seems to have picked up most of the bills for the festivities), the Africans have refused to back the expulsion of Israel or even its suspension from the United Nations, and have put in only a mild, recommendation for increased pressure on Israel in the United Nations with expulsion in the background. So Mr Arafat made his fiery speech in vain.

The fact is that subsaharan Africa is allergic to any idea of becoming part of the middle east conflict, and certainly does not see Palestine as an African objective. The only way in which the Arabs could have obtained a more partisan reaction would have been to offer substantial oil money for development. But not only did they offer less than Nigeria, but they specifically intimated that African development had necessarily to wait upon the destruction of Israel. Black Africa is too hard-headed to fall for any such line, though the argument, and the haggling, will be resumed if the proposed Afro-Arab summit takes place. There Nigeria's new voice will be heard.

The decision to send a mission to Angola (where it might meet the mission from Portugal) to try yet again for an agreement between the warring parties seems merely a face-saver. Only Mr Savimbi, whose Unita party is not yet at war, turned up in Kampala. He may prove to be the key man in a settlement, but the OAU now urgently faces a challenge to its principle that colonial frontiers must not be changed by partition or secession, for to set any such precedent would risk tearing a dozen African states apart. The meeting alike skirted Cabinda's puppet secession and the question of the Spanish Sahara, to which Morocco and Mauretania have rival claims. Ethiopia chose this delicate moment to drop its claim to French Djibouti, which leaves the field open to the Afars to go for an independent state of their own—and perhaps take some pressure off the junta's struggle to keep Ethiopia in one piece.

In the absence of the four states most involved with Rhodesia, the conference could do no more than endorse Bishop Muzorewa's "ultimatum" to Mr Smith to negotiate at a constitutional conference within three months, or face all-out war. This will hardly worry Mr Smith but it may sharpen Mr Callaghan's inclination to call such a conference even without assurances that Mr Smith will attend it. As on the middle east, the OAU conference kept away from extreme statements on southern Africa, though its disapprobation for détente or dialogue will disappoint Pretoria as much as it will secretly please Salisbury.

Not the least important outcome of the meeting was the election of Field Marshal Amin to be chairman of the OAU for the year ahead, thus presenting him with a fine new platform for world statesmanship. This will hardly lessen the differences in the organization itself, or in Africa.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Poland's western frontier

From the Polish Ambassador

Sir, Upon my return a couple of days ago from Poland, where I had pleasure to accompany Mr Callaghan on his very successful visit to Warsaw, my attention was drawn by recent debates in the House of Commons.

In his speech there on July 15, the Rt Hon Julian Amery found it proper to express, among other highly peculiar views, his refusal to accept the recognition *de jure* of the final nature of the Oder-Neisse frontier.

This viewpoint of Mr Amery cannot but provoke astonishment and hard feelings on the part of every Pole.

As is known the Oder-Neisse frontier has been established in the Potsdam Agreement of the victorious powers as a result of victory of the anti-Nazi coalition in the Second World War (in which Mr Amery himself took an active part).

Poland's western border has been sanctioned by the Treaty of 1950 with the GDR and again by the Treaty of 1970 with the FRG. In the latter document, the first paragraph unequivocally recognizes *de jure* the western frontier of Poland: "The Polish People's Republic and the Federal Republic of Germany unanimously affirm that the existing border line the course of which was established in Chapter IX of the decisions of the Potsdam Conference of 2 August 1945 as from the Baltic Sea immediately west of Swinoujscie and thence along the Oder River to the confluence of the Lusatian Neisse River and along the Lusatian Neisse to the Czechoslovak frontier, constitutes the Western State Frontier of the Polish People's Republic."

In the statement of Her Majesty's Government of November 20, 1970, it was asserted: "The Treaty, with its accompanying documents enjoys the British Government's full support. They welcome its provisions, including those relating to Poland's western frontier." Sir Alec Douglas Home, then Foreign Secretary, stated in the House of Commons (December 7, 1970) that "we are glad to see the matter of the Oder-Neisse line settled between Poles and Germans".

Didn't it occur to Mr Amery that the Conservative Government in adopting this position was motivated also by the conviction that the final recognition of the Oder-Niesse frontier lies in the interest of the UK as well?

Similarly, all the other European powers officially confirmed on numerous occasions their approval of the final recognition of Poland's existing western frontier. All West German political parties, including the majority of former proponents of revisionist conceptions, have renounced their territorial claims against Poland. It seems to me that only Mr Amery was left in the battlefield as a knight errant of the lost cause. I dare say, that if Mr Amery wants to be consistent in his opposing the recognition *de jure* of the Polish frontiers, he should perhaps send the skins of the two marvellous boars he had shot while hunting in the regained old Polish territories back to the Prussian junkers now living in West Germany.

The whole event is even more surprising as at the time of his official trip to Poland in 1973, which *nota bene* was stamped by a very friendly atmosphere, Mr Amery never voiced any of his doubts as to the permanent and final nature of the Polish western frontier.

Hopefully, I am revealing no diplomatic secret if I say that it was quite to the contrary. Should it be that Mr Amery's transition to the opposition led by Mrs Thatcher has so gravely clouded his clear vision and the remarkable sense of reality?

Yours faithfully,
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August 1.

Import controls as a trade weapon

From Mr Ray Edwards

Sir, I read with considerable dismay your editorial "Import Controls are a Dangerous Weapon" (July 30). No one who lived through the 1930s could possibly forget the lessons which that piece of history gave us, but just as we must recall and take due account of the distortions in world trade which were created by the move towards economic nationalism we must equally recognize that we are now faced with a completely different set of circumstances, not the least of which is Britain's totally different position in the world economy.

You argue in your editorial that "If Britain imposes quotas on imports of manufactured goods either Britain's consumption of these goods would have to decline or resources would have to be diverted from other industries so that they can be produced in larger quantities here". This argument can by no stretch of the imagination be applied to the imposition of quota restrictions on foreign cars. With our car industry operating at some 55 per cent capacity there is more than adequate capacity which could be tapped to fill any gap which arises from restricting the flow of car imports.

You also argued that "The efficiency of resource allocation when the economy returns to full employment is permanently impaired by the attempts to defend unsuccessful industries against purely temporary declines in demand". First the decline in the world demand for cars is far from temporary. The most authoritative sources assess that world demand for cars is unlikely to reach the 1973 peak until the early 1980s. We therefore need to ensure that we maintain a viable car industry whose efficiency can be greatly improved during this period to take full advantage when improvements in world demand for cars comes about.

In the same edition of *The Times* Charles Webb reported that in the first half of this year Japanese car imports totalled 62,000, an 80 per cent increase over the similar period for last year. APEX believes it is imperative, that against the background of this rate of increase of Japanese car imports when the British market for cars has reduced from 1.6 million in 1973 to an anticipated just over one million for 1975, to call upon the Government to take steps to ensure that the penetration of the United Kingdom market is brought to a halt.

My union, APEX, could not be labelled as the type of organization which adopts the "little England" attitude. Our record shows clearly that this is most certainly not the case. We launched our campaign for the control of car imports (particularly those from Japan) in defence of our members and those of other trade unions employed in the British car industry. Our long term objective is to ensure that Britain remains a world position in the production of cars. It is not simply a case of defending jobs in the car manufacturing companies but equally important is the defence of the additional hundreds of thousands of jobs which would be lost in the components industries.

Yours sincerely,
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July 31.

From Mr George E. McWatters

Sir, Your leader "Import Controls are a Dangerous Weapon" (July 30) is strangely unsympathetic towards those industries who are having to compete against an almost fatal tidal flood of imports, many politically priced, from Comecon and Unctad countries. Their very existence in some cases is at stake and their almost disappearance from the industrial scene a possibility. Is this really desirable?

The textile, clothing, hosiery and footwear industries account on aggregate for 16 per cent of the working population of this country, and such industrial upheaval of moving work forces from one industry to another in times of financial crisis, as your leader suggests, is not a practical proposition. The industries have not yet been created where these unemployed could go.

Now that our membership of the EEC has been confirmed, the health of these industries is a matter for Brussels and we should follow their policies in these matters. Sadly they still require more consideration—though it is interesting to note that domestic quotas for trading between member countries, for instance in footwear, is under discussion.

The United States and Japan are very conscious of the need to protect their industries should the occasion arise, surely we should do the same—or maybe we have a blind spot and have become sycophants to free trade and oblivious to the fact that now of all times our industry, our only hope for economic survival, does need all the care and protection we can possibly give it—also too, our balance of payments would see considerable benefit, a matter your leader chose not to discuss.

Yours faithfully,
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Improving postal service

From Mr A. Currull

Sir, Mr Julian Blackwell (July 30) thinks postal management unresponsive to comment and criticism and lacking in the will to innovate. I cannot agree.

We have in the past five years introduced a number of new facilities in addition to the two which Mr Blackwell commends. One example is that we have agreed special contracts for inland subscription copies of magazines and for public utility and local authority bills. These are typical of arrangements for the retention of business which can pay its way and will help to keep our unit costs down.

We are constantly receiving suggestions from customers on ways of improving postal service. Sometimes the ideas are not practical. Sometimes they involve proposals for special concessions to one customer at the expense of others—and consequently are unlikely to be acceptable to us. But we reply to all suggestions sent to us and follow up wherever there is a possibility of mutual benefit.

Mr Blackwell, in suggesting that I am particularly responsible for suppressing new ideas, must have some individual problem in mind. I am at a loss to identify the point in question and shall deal directly with him on this.

I must correct a figure in Mr Blackwell's letter. Post Office counter services performed for Government departments are paid for in full by them and quite properly yield a small profit, not a £20m annual loss.

Yours faithfully,
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August 1.

MPs and Inflation Bill

From Mr Douglas Hurd, Conservative MP for Mid Oxon

Sir, I wonder if I sat through the same all-night sitting as your Parliamentary Correspondent (July 26). I certainly emerged with a very different impression.

The present Bill based on the White Paper "Attack on Inflation" affects the wages and salaries, occupational pensions, rates, rents, taxes and cost of living of millions of people, to an extent not yet realized. After the debate on the principle of the Bill on Wednesday it was the job of the House of Commons to probe all these specific proposals at the committee stage, pressing for clearer definition of the powers which the Government is demanding, looking for loopholes and defects, protecting where possible the rights of the citizen. That is what the Conservative opposition did through Thursday and Friday, with effective help from the Liberals and some Labour backbenchers—under an almost empty press gallery.

As Michael Foot said, there was no filibustering and no attempt to destroy the Bill. The three Secretaries of State who came under cross-examination now have a much clearer idea of the meaning of their own policies, and of the pitfalls ahead. This was an example of Parliament properly at work on behalf of the citizen, dealing not with the grand clashes of principle and personality so loved by commentators, but with the actual effect of government measures on the lives of our constituents. The only absurdity was that after 16 months of inaction the Government was in such a hurry that we had to sit through the night at this necessary task.

Yours truly,
DOUGLAS HURD,
House of Commons.

Emanuel School

From Mr Norman St John-Stevas, Conservative MP for Chelmsford

Sir, The entire educational world is indebted to you for publishing the percipient article on Emanuel School by your Education Correspondent Mr Tim Devlin and also for your leader of July 31 "Keeping the poor out of the best schools". The title makes the point: government policy on secondary education is extinguishing opportunity for those of modest means.

I wish I could extend this encomium to Mr Maurice O'Riordan who expressed anxiety in your issue of July 28 that my opinions should be "informed". Alas it is Mr O'Riordan's information that needs to be improved since the whole of his letter is based on a false premise, the attribution to myself of a statement made in fact not by me but by Catholic parents to Cardinal Heenan. If Mr O'Riordan had gone to the length of "informing" himself by reading the statement issued he would have found the following passage: "The parents expressed the view that the abolition of the schools would have a catastrophic effect on educational standards within the Catholic community and the sacrifices which had been made by generations of Catholic parents, teachers and educationists would be made vain."

While that statement of opinion which has so incensed Mr O'Riordan was made by the parents and not by myself they do in fact have a point. The direct grant schools are of importance to parents in general but to Catholic parents they have an even greater significance. Over 4 per cent of the children being educated at Catholic schools are in the direct grant schools twice the national average.

Yet that figure does not portray the whole picture. They represent an even higher proportion of Catholic secondary provision and a still higher proportion of grammar school education in the Catholic sector. At one time in the recent past direct grant schools provided for more Catholic grammar school pupils than aided schools did. Furthermore because the direct grant schools are not spread evenly geographically they are of especial importance to certain areas like the north and the north-west which have large Catholic populations.

Abolition of the schools will thus have a disproportionate effect on Catholic education and judging by the Manchester experience it is likely to be harmful. In 1967 the county schools in Manchester providing for two thirds of the children were reorganized on comprehensive lines, the Catholic schools providing for one third were not. At that time the county schools were ahead of the Catholic schools: seven years later the Catholic schools (grammar and modern) had forged ahead in exam results. The drop in A levels in the Manchester schools just reported is a further cause for alarm.

Mr O'Riordan's final unworthy gibe that the abolition of the direct grant schools would effect only a few "privileged" Catholics like myself could not have been made had he "informed" himself of the facts. Over 86 per cent of the places in the Catholic direct grant schools are free places indicating the moderate incomes of the parents involved. It is these very parents, unable to afford fee paying schools, who will be deprived of opportunity. As you rightly say it is ironic that this discriminatory policy against the less well off should be carried out by a Labour government.

Yours faithfully,
NORMAN ST JOHN-STEVAS,
House of Commons.
July 31.

Appeals to Privy Council

From Air Commodore M. W. Palmer

Sir, In reply to Mr Jonathan Caplan today (July 30), one supposes it to be the function of a legal tribunal, in any particular case, to define and apply the law: not, whether in the name of policy or morality, to apply what Cardinal Godfrey once called "circumstantial ethics".

Yours faithfully,
M. W. PALMER,
109 Clifford's Inn,
Fetter Lane, EC4.
July 30.

The Civil Service

From Mr John Garrett, Labour MP for Norwich, South

Sir, Peter Hennessy's article on the Civil Service ("Whitehall's loyal executors of ordained error", July 28) missed the main point of the Fulton Report, which was that in an increasingly technical and managerial Civil Service higher management posts should no longer be largely restricted to Oxford classicists and historians to the exclusion of technically and professionally qualified ("specialist") staff. The Fulton Report produced numerous examples of the adverse effects of the ruling principle that experts should be on tap but not on top.

Against Treasury opposition, Fulton recommended a unified grading structure, which would give young specialist staff the opportunity to gain experience of general management sufficiently early in their careers to fit them to compete for the top jobs. In the seven years since Fulton reported unification of the grades has been carried out only to Under Secretary level which ensures that specialists cannot gain this experience early enough. Accountants, engineers and social scientists, for example are still confined to career classes which exclude them from general management and from the key areas where policy is made and expenditure planned and controlled.

The Fulton Report is as relevant today as the day it was published: departments are still managed at the top by a socially exclusive and educationally exclusive cadre of people who may be strong on "the awareness of Ministerial responsibility" but are weak on management, research and analysis.

Yours faithfully,
JOHN GARRETT,
House of Commons.

'Absent Friends'

From Mr Irving Wardle

Sir, In taking issue with my notice of Alan Ayckbourn's *Absent Friends*, Mr Clive Exton (July 28) notes "a swell of opinion . . . that Mr Ayckbourn was about to take a tumble". As one of the few reviewers who wrote enthusiastically about Mr Ayckbourn's book for the *Jeeves* musical, I would now prefer to be accused of misjudgment rather than fashion-following.

Yours faithfully,
IRVING WARDLE,
51A Richmond Road,
New Barnet,
Hertfordshire.

Accidents to cyclists

From Mr L. Warner

Sir, Readers of *The Times* who are also keen followers of Parliamentary affairs will perhaps have read with some concern a statement made during the adjournment debate in the House of Commons on July 11 by the Minister of State, Department of the Environment (Mr Denis Howell) that ". . . cycling is much the most dangerous method of travelling around this country. In 1973 alone there were 4,737 deaths, of which 2,041 were of children".

Such figures would certainly be alarming to anybody uninformed about road accident statistics: they are alarming also, however, to those of us who know the facts—for they are of course wildly inaccurate.

The total number of deaths to *all classes* of road user during 1973 was 7,406. Of that total, only 240 were adult pedal cyclists and 96 child cyclists—or less than 5 per cent. And in 1974, in spite of the apparent increase in the popularity of cycling, the number of cyclists' deaths fell to 282 (192 adults, 90 children), a reduction of 16.3 per cent. How, then, can anyone justify the assertion that "cycling is much the most dangerous method of travelling. . . ."?

There has unfortunately been much misunderstanding and unnecessary alarm as a result of publicity given in the press to the Minister's statement, and it has marred what would otherwise have been a very heartening debate on the encouragement of cycling. May we hope that in future Mr Howell will refer to his brief a little more carefully, or that it will be better prepared.

Yours faithfully,
L. WARNER, National Secretary,
Cyclists' Touring Club,
Cotterell House,
69 Meadow, Godalming,
Surrey.

On a happier note

From Mr R. W. Silvester

Sir, Have you noticed that Her Majesty's facial expression on bank notes becomes progressively happier with increasing value?

I remain, Sir,
Yours in penury,
R. W. SILVESTER,
13 Mill Road,
Waterlooville, Hampshire.
July 28.

Norwich School of painting

From Mr Robin Walpole

Sir, We in provincial museums are pleased whenever critics of the national press come down to our galleries to describe our major exhibitions. However, when your art critic, Paul Overy, produced his article on July 29 on the *Cotman in Normandy* exhibition at the Castle Museum, Norwich, one might forgive his excursions into irrelevancies, possibly even his patronising attitude, but never the basic inaccuracies which one would not expect in a critic of national standing.

To say the Norwich School of painting was isolated from London belies the facts. Norwich artists exhibited in and visited London frequently, having many friends amongst artists there and belonging to London societies such as the Sketching Club. Many London artists also exhibited in Norwich. Equally, the only connexion with the Dutch School was that some Norfolk collectors owned Dutch paintings: and these are known to have been studied by Norwich artists; but fundamentally the Norwich School was very much part of the English Landscape School.

Cotman himself trained in London and exhibited at the Royal Academy. He also travelled widely in this country and was friendly with Dr Monroe, Girtin, John Varley, P. S. Munn and others. Many authorities consider Cotman a *major* English artist and prices paid at public auction for works by Cotman do not leave me with the impression that he is an artist of minor significance.

Furthermore, if the school is considered to be of importance, I would not feel that an academic approach is out of place, nor that it is merely for the benefit of museum staff. The Norfolk Museums Service are extremely fortunate in having Dr Rajnai as Keeper of Art in Norwich: a man of great learning and integrity who is producing with substantial help from the Mellon Foundation the definitive work on the Norwich School, which will, I trust, give all critics and others a fuller comprehension of the Norwich artists.

Likewise, the catalogue of this exhibition, with its supplement renewed, is designed to be one of a series so that over a period of years one may collect an illustrated and fully documented record of the Norwich School collection at the Castle Museum.

Finally, if your art critic wished to raise the old issue of charging for admission to museums, he really ought to have chosen his ground more carefully. He could scarcely have picked a better example on which to base the case *for* charging or a worse time to chide a local authority for continuing a long-established practice.

At a time of diminishing resources, restriction on staffing in Local Authorities and an inflationary situation, income must be related to the increasing cost of goods and services. If museums cannot help to defray the expense of providing a worthwhile service, as in Norfolk, by asking tourists for a modest contribution, there are few other sources of revenue.

After only three months, the Central Government grant fund administered by the Victoria & Albert Museum for purchases over £2,000 has been exhausted: in addition, Area Museums Service funds are still inadequate and DoE support for rescue archaeology is fading. In this context, it is irresponsible of Mr Overy to accuse us of "impertinence" in simply maintaining standards.

Yours faithfully,
R. H. WALPOLE, Chairman,
Norfolk Museums Committee,
Manningtoft Hall,
Saxthorpe,
Norfolk.
July 30.

Maritime archaeology

From Mr Paul Johnstone

Sir, May I support most strongly Mr Jeremy Green's plea (*The Times*, July 28) for a greater regard and support for nautical and underwater archaeology in this country?

For the last three years the BBC, together with Telefis Eireann and *Time Life*, has been financing the excavation on the sea-bed off Donegal of "La Trinidad Valencera", the most complete and best preserved Spanish Armada wreck yet found. Thanks to the splendid endurance, self-restraint and good sense of the City of Derry Sub-Aqua Club and the St Andrews Institute of Maritime Archaeology this has been carried out to the highest archaeological standards.

But it was complete chance that when, four years ago, a change of local sea conditions revealed the abundant remains of "La Trinidad Valencera" on the sea-bed surface, a combination of organisations and finance was available to take immediate action. Otherwise this unique body of scientific evidence from the 16th century would almost certainly have been vandalised, destroyed by natural forces, or at best partially recovered in dribs and drabs.

The BBC obviously can only support such enterprises when acceptable and economic programmes are the result, and this is inevitably rare. It is crucial, therefore, that there should be in future proper means, as Mr Green says, of protecting, excavating and conserving as a unit other such finds as "La Trinidad Valencera".

Yours sincerely,
PAUL JOHNSTONE, Senior Producer, Archaeology and History Unit BBC Television; Member of Nautical Archaeology Trust and Society for Nautical Research,
BBC, Kensington House,
Richmond Way, W14.
July 31.

Inflation of rates

From Mr D. C. Beatty

Sir, Your report today (July 29) that, according to the President of the Chartered Institute of Public Finance and Accountancy, local authorities cannot go bankrupt. Mr Geoffrey Pollard apparently supports this claim by referring to the powers of taxation possessed by local authorities.

In the London Borough of Bromley our rates for the current year are about 55 per cent higher than in 1974/75. If this rate of increase continues, a ratepayer who paid £200 in 1974/75 and is now paying £310 will be asked for £480 in 1976/77. Subsequent demands would be:

	£
1977/78	744
1978/79	1,153
1979/80	1,787
1980/81	2,770
1981/82	4,293

We are dangerously close to the time when the majority of ratepayers will not be able—let alone willing—to meet the demands of local authorities. What satisfaction will there then be in the powers of taxation which these authorities possess?

Yours faithfully,
D. C. BEATTY,
2, St Kilda Road,
Orpington,
Kent.

Scrub land

From Dr J. D. Bradley and Mr D. S. Fletcher

Sir, That conservation work is necessary to maintain a balance between open grassland and scrub so as to generate a wide variety of wildlife is well proven, and it is important that young conservationists should be encouraged.

To see the unfortunate effect of allowing unrestrained growth of scrub, Mr Peter Morgan (July 29) might visit a spot known as Butterfly Walk near Warlingham on the North Downs. In the 1940s this was still an open grassy hillside swarming with butterflies, including such species as the common blue, chalk hill blue, small copper, meadow brown, gatekeeper and ringlet and also colonies of burnet moths and a host of grasshoppers and other insects which delight the eye and ear. Now Butterfly Walk is overgrown with scrub and these insects are few, and as a consequence so are the red-backed shrike and other insectivores.

In such overgrown areas the partial clearance of scrub, leaving islands of it for bird cover, would allow the regeneration of flowers and hopefully the return of the butterfly populations and also encourage development of a much wider variety of wildlife.

J. D. BRADLEY, Commonwealth Institute of Entomology, c/o British Museum (Nat Hist),
D. S. FLETCHER,
14 Warren Park Road, Warlingham, Surrey.

Exterminating badgers

From Miss Yvonne Anderson

Sir, The Department of Agriculture is about to conduct an experiment. They will exterminate the entire badger population of a specified area: if the cattle in that area cease to suffer from bovine tuberculosis, they will conclude that the badgers were the cause.

Oh, the sophistication of modern science!—will it extend to resurrecting the badgers if the cows continue to have TB?

Yours faithfully,
YVONNE ANDERSON,
25a Rosslyn Hill, NW3.
July 31.

COURT CIRCULAR

BUCKINGHAM PALACE

August 1: Mr A. E. Saunders was received in audience by The Queen this morning and kissed hands upon his appointment as Her Majesty's Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary at Yaoundé.

His Excellency Mr Tilak Eranga Gooneratne and Mrs Gooneratne were received in farewell audience by The Queen and took leave upon His Excellency relinquishing his appointment as High Commissioner for Sri Lanka in London.

Her Majesty received The President of Guyana and Mrs Chung.

Colonel Anthony Bullivant had the honour of being received by The Queen upon relinquishing his appointment as Colonel, 16th/5th The Queen's Royal Lancers.

Major-General James Lunt had the honour of being received by Her Majesty upon his appointment as Colonel, 16th/5th The Queen's Royal Lancers.

The Duke of Edinburgh travelled in an aircraft of The Queen's Flight to Eastney Barracks this morning and was received upon arrival by the Vice Lord-Lieutenant of Hampshire (Sir Hugh Smiley, Bt) and the Commandant General Royal Marines (Lieutenant-General P. J. F. Whiteley).

His Royal Highness, as Captain General, opened the Royal Marines Museum and unveiled a commemorative plaque.

This afternoon, The Duke of Edinburgh visited HMS Collingwood (Captain A. A. Murphy, RN) and was received upon arrival by the Commander in Chief Naval Home Command (Admiral Sir Derek Empson) and the Flag Officer Portsmouth (Rear-Admiral S. L. McArdle).

His Royal Highness opened the new Wardroom and unveiled a commemorative plaque.

Captain Ian Walden, RM, was in attendance.

By *command of* The Queen, the Lord Lovell-Davis (Lord in Waiting) was present at Gatwick Airport, London, this afternoon upon the departure of Shaikh Zaid bin Sultan Al Nahayyan (President of the United Arab Emirates and Ruler of Abu Dhabi) and bade farewell to His Highness on behalf of Her Majesty.

By command of The Queen, the Lord Melchett (Lord in Waiting) was present at Heathrow Airport, London, this afternoon upon the *departure of the Governor*-General of Mauritius and bade farewell to His Excellency on behalf of Her Majesty.

The Duke of Edinburgh will open the National Railway Museum, York, in connexion with the 150th anniversary of the world's first passenger railway on September 2. He will later attend a pageant and banquet at Stockton.

Birthdays today

Sir Henry Benson, 66; Vice-Admiral Sir Charles Evans, 67; Professor E. Maxwell Fry, 76; Mr A. N. Gilkes, 75; Sir Edward Gilbert, 87; Major the Hon Sir Francis Leith, 56; Mr Len Murray, 57; Miss Rerra Rock, 97; Dame Mary Welsh, 79; Mr Justice Willis, 67.

TOMORROW: Mr Denis Carey, 56; Lieutenant-General Sir Richard Craddock, 65; Lord Drumalbyn, 67; Dame Annis Gillie, 75; Lord Lee of Newton, 69; Professor J. W. Linnett, 62; Professor L. J. D. Richardson, 82; Air Vice-Marshal A. H. Robson, 83; Sir Keith Unwin, 66; Mr Justice Waller, 64; the Right Rev Dr R. P. Wilson, 70.



Editor appointed: Miss Judy Hodgson who is to become editor of the *New Law Journal*, in September. Aged 27, Miss Hodgson, from Warnham Sussex, studied law at King's College, London. She was appointed assistant editor last year.

Forthcoming marriages

Mr C. A. R. Bowen and Miss M. O. Stewart

The engagement is announced between Christopher, younger son of Mr and Mrs N. E. Bowen, of 18 Gregers Grams Vei, Oslo 3, Norway, and Mary, daughter of Mr and Mrs A. W. Stewart, of 3 Pelham Place, London, SW7.

Mr P. F. Child and Miss A. E. M. Lipsett

The engagement is announced between Peter, youngest son of Dr and Mrs J. P. Child, Gosforth, Newcastle, and Anne, daughter of Mr and Mrs F. W. Lipsett, Kilkenny.

Dr N. O. de Villiers and Miss J. R. Gilmour

The engagement is announced between Neville, son of the late Mr N. E. R. de Villiers and Mrs de Villiers, of Kensington, and Jennifer, only daughter of the late Dr W. M. C. Gilmour and Mrs Gilmour, of East Leake, Leicestershire.

Mr J. A. Karaiossifoglou and Miss H. J. H. Scobie

The engagement is announced between John, son of the late Mr John Karaiossifoglou and the late Mrs A. Turner, and Honor, elder daughter of Colonel F. H. Scobie, OBE, and Mrs F. H. Scobie, of Hall Place, Camberley, Surrey.

Mr P. M. Reidy and Miss F. C. E. Van Essen

The engagement is announced between Michael, son of Mr and Mrs P. Reidy, of Worcester, Massachusetts, and Fiona, daughter of Dr W. and Dr J. Van Essen, of Beckenham, Kent.

Today's engagements

The Prince of Wales receives a Master of Arts Degree, Trinity College, Cambridge, 2.

Exhibition: G. F. Watts, The Hall of Fame, National Portrait Gallery, 10-5.

Open day and air show, RAF Lakenheath, Suffolk.

Lecture: Meissen Porcelain by Jane Gardiner, Victoria and Albert Museum, 3.

London Walk: Lost London, The City, meet St Paul's Underground, 2.

Tomorrow

The Duke of Edinburgh attends *Cowes Week in HMY Britannia*.

Exhibition: George III, Collector and Patron, The Queen's Gallery, Buckingham Palace, 2-5.

Band Performance by 3rd Battalion, The Parachute Regiment, Kensington Gardens, 3-4.30.

Stationary Engine Rally, including steam, gas and hot air engines, Beaulieu, Brockenhurst, Hampshire.

Concert: The London Mozart Players, Holland Park, 7.30.

City Walk: Off with his head! meet Tower Hill Station, 3.

Latest wills

Miss Maud Mary Therese Glynn, of Seaford, left £81,165 net (no duty shown). After specific bequests she left the residue to the First Church of Christ Scientist, Boston, for work in the British Isles.

Other estates include (net, before duty paid; duty on some estates not disclosed):

Docker, Mr Noel Haywood, of Wotton Courtenay, Somerset £680,103

Ward, Mrs Muriel, of Hythe, Kent (duty paid, £54,589) .. £171,017

Latest appointments

Latest appointments include:

Lieutenant-General Sir David Willison (retd), late Deputy Chief of Defence Staff (Intelligence), to be Director General of Intelligence, Ministry of Defence, on October 6 in succession to Vice-Admiral Sir Louis Le Bailly, who retires.

Dr Patrick Nuttgens, director of Leeds Polytechnic, to be a member of the Ancient Monuments Board for England.

Mr Anthony Durant, MP for Reading, North, to be a member of the Inland Waterways Amenity Advisory Council.

Air Commodore William Hibbert to be director general of the Save the Children Fund.

Mr J. M. Montgomery to be clerk of the Salters' Company in succession to Mr W. R. Nichols.

Reception

HM Government

Lord Winterbottom was host at a reception at Lancaster House last night in honour of Shaikh Hisham Nazer, Minister of State and President of the Central Planning Organization of Saudi Arabia, and Mrs Nazer.

£75,000 winner

The £75,000 winner in the August Premium Bond draw is 9LB 446362. The holder lives in Hampshire.

The £25,000 winner is 2ES 694985. The holder lives in Surrey.

The £5,000 and £1,000 prizewinning numbers will not in future be announced with the jackpot prizes. They will be published on Tuesday.

Everest patrons

The Prince of Wales and Prince Himalaya of Nepal have accepted invitations to be royal patrons of the joint British-Nepalese expedition to climb Mount Everest in 1976.



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THE TIMES

Strategy for Christians in politics

By Lord Hailsham

Politics and Christianity both claim to be concerned with values. For this reason there are many Christians who seem to expect that a politician who is a Christian will behave in a way markedly different from one who is not, or that he will advocate different policies, or perhaps belong to a different party, based on specifically Christian doctrines. However plausible at first sight, I believe this view to be erroneous.

The special values which Christianity imposes on its adherents are not matters which can be imposed by political authority. On the contrary they are accepted voluntarily as counsels of perfection up to which none of us quite live. "Forgive your enemies". "The man who hates his neighbour is a murderer". "The man who lusts after a woman is an adulterer." "The widow's mite is worth more than the rich man's gold." These are not instructions for any parliamentary draftsman.

It is no paradox that it is easier to derive a political doctrine from the Old Testament than the New. There is more political teaching in Amos and Isaiah relevant to the law giver than in the whole of the Gospels put together. Indeed behind the Old Testament is the clear and unequivocal belief that righteousness exalteth a nation. Behind the New lies an almost sardonic recognition of the inherent limitations of law and politics.

I do not find this disconcerting. To me, Christianity has always taught a supernatural morality, attainable by grace, and motivated by love. But this is precisely what law and politics are not and, of their nature, cannot become. They are founded on a natural morality, binding on men as men whether they wish to be bound or not. This is precisely what limits their scope. While the law prescribes one mile, Christianity counsels two. Where the law awards compensation, Christianity counsels us to forgive our debtors. Christianity did not come to override the law, but to fulfil it. But it does this precisely because it urges Christians to do better than the law, and this is just what people cannot be compelled by law to do. A politician who claims to impose Christian values on his fellow citizens who are not Christians, if not actually a humbug, is at least in danger of becoming a muddler.

This is not to say that there are no points of morality on which a Christian should stand fast in their political application. These are to do with the nature of man and the universe in which he lives. But in standing on these the Christian is fortunately not alone and can therefore hope for support from non-Christian sources. There can be no real law, no true politics and no coherent jurisprudence unless certain facts are recognized about the nature of man, and the relationship of men to one another.

The first of these is the existence of free will and the moral responsibility which goes with it. If men's actions were determined in the way determinists of all kinds believe, whether they be Freudians, Marxists, or so-called humanists, legislating for men would have nothing in principle to differentiate it from training a dog or a donkey. But, unlike the trainers of animals who rely simply on sticks and carrots, legislators and lawyers claim to appeal to conceptions of reason, morality and justice before they ask others to obey. You do not talk about justice or reason to a retriever or a pony.

Thus the second thing the Christian has to remember in politics, is that man, a creature with free will, is at the *same time bound and* limited by a natural morality binding on the subject because he is a man, and on the ruler because he too is a man, independent of any sticks or carrots. If man-made law does not take the objective validity of such value judgments into account before it is enacted, natural morality may well find itself in active protest against it.

It is his insistence on this which leads a Christian in politics to be so frequently persecuted or derided. Although when he is advocating a policy, he is speaking to his *fellow men as men and not* to his fellow Christians as Christians, a man who believes that his fellow men are made in God's image, and owe a duty to obey the laws of a natural morality, will often be giving advice very different from one who thinks of them simply as the beasts which perish. When he gives such advice he is not always loved for what he says.

So it happens that, whenever men have sought to drive religion, or a philosophy based on religion, out of political argument, they are heading straight for the concentration camp and the gas chamber. Something like this remains true whether the doctrine sought to be substituted be utilitarianism, Marxism or some much more amorphous abstraction without content, like humanism. The doctrine which politically restrains mankind and keeps men within the bounds of civilized behaviour, is one which insists that there is more behind law than carrots or sticks, more to a human being than to his fellow creatures the animals and, incidentally, more *things* worshipful in animals than in inanimate creation.

At least in my view the philosophy of politics needs to be built on a religious foundation to make any sense of politics for free men and women. But the man who seeks to short-circuit genuine political discussion by injecting into it the special doctrines of Christianity outside his personal behaviour, is either prostituting his religion or confusing his politics.



Mr Yoshinobu Fukuoka, from Japan, admiring a "feather duster" budgerigar with Mr Cyril Rogers, from Leiston, Suffolk, at the World Budgerigar Convention, Harrogate.

Archaeology report

Egypt: Tomb of 'Ankhm'ahor

Recent field work in the Saqqara cemeteries near Cairo has led to the recording of an important tomb of the Sixth Dynasty, dating from the mid-third millenium BC. The work has been carried out by the Art Department of the University of California at Los Angeles, after earlier work in the Khufu cemetery at Giza (*The Times*, July 20, 1974).

Although not large, the chapel of 'Ankhm'ahor, in the cemetery north of Teti's pyramid at Saqqara, is significant on account of its outstanding contribution to Egyptian art. Only a third of the wall scenes are preserved still showing traces of pigments on the painted dado (about a metre high) of black limitating basalt lining, surmounted by a yellow band and a red one, all bordered by black lines. Some of the male figures still retain red pigment.

In the arrangement of its six rooms the chapel that occupies less than half the area of the superstructure (25.80m x 18.50m) shows influence from domestic architecture such as offset doorways, two shallow front rooms, a squarish central room corresponding to the central hall of a house, and a rear room containing the false door from which 'Ankhm'ahor could *emerge from his underground* burial chamber.

But the main attraction is a long pillared portico facing north, like the one that usually preceded the typical rural house. It is through the portico, which stands alone north of the entrance, that the funeral procession passed to ascend the staircase at its west end to the terrace. A scene of the procession shows in fact two groups of male and female relatives and friends in expressive postures of grief.

The *reason for other scenes* on the doorway to the portico, such as circumcision, surgical treatment of the hands and feet, and massage is harder to elucidate. 'Ankhm'ahor lived during the reign of Teti I (c 2400BC) and was "Overseer of all the works of the king in the entire land". His other titles such as vizier, and chief justice are probably honorific. One can only surmise that he had a personal interest in medicine, which he wished to record in the wall scenes. There are indeed some deformities and physical ailments represented such as hernia of the navel and dropsy of the scrotum, both extremely rare, if not unique. In addition to the rather common heads of thinning hair characterizing the poorest inhabitants of the marshes, helping to pull out the clap net. An extensive repertoire typical of the Sixth Dynasty includes hundreds of offering bearers burdened with equipment, and even a herd of cattle fording a river. Topical detail, such as sculptors finishing and painting statues, enlivens the scenes. One of the five statues in the sculptors' workshop represents 'Ankhm'ahor standing nude accompanied by a smaller figure, that of a son, hammered out. In four other instances the figure of this son was erased, probably as the result of a family feud with the eldest son Isheti, who had a room attached to his father's chapel. Such feuds are observed in other chapels.

A tomb of this richness could not fail to attract robbery, but 'Ankhm'ahor provided, or hoped to provide, security by scaring off would-be delinquents. On the entrance façade is a long inscription typical of tombs of that period extolling his powers in magic as a lector priest and threatening to snatch away any person desecrating his tomb as he would a bird, and cast fear into him. Another common inscription adjured the artisans responsible for the burial to place the lid on the coffin properly.

Although we have no inscription describing 'Ankm'ahor's relations with his sculptors, as that of Prahhetep, who called his sculptor his "beloved, Benefactor" we can, however, infer from two observations that he did control their work. Among the animals accompanying the offering bearers in the rearmost room a hyena was altered once into a calf, and another time into an antelope, not enough, however, to hide completely the heavy head and slant back. To that control by 'Ankhm'ahor could be attributed the unique topics of surgery and the unusual *recording of pathological cases* betraying his personal interest in medicine, an interest also recognized for Imhotep, the great architect of the Third Dynasty, who was deified as Imuthes, god of medicine.

The fact that the tomb is one of the earliest of the group north of Teti's pyramid is important with regard to the establishment of a school of artists. We know that the tomb of Nefersesheni-Ptah adjacent to the north was the work of the same artist, or school of artists. The chapel of Khentika in the vicinity shows several unusual features perhaps derived from that of 'Ankhm'ahor. In plan the tomb chapel shows close imitation of a house, even to a pillared portico, which might foreshadow the pillared hall in other chapels of that period. The able architect 'Ankhm'ahor was perhaps the inventor of that element in the chapel, which he would have designed himself. In addition to the extensive repertoire of wall scenes, a few unique topics are invented, such as the medical details described and in the slaughter cycle, withdrawing the ribs and unravelling the intestines of the ox.

The naturalistic trends in the observation of anatomy do not exclude mannerism, while in the carving a smooth supple technique is the general rule, bolder in some instances, but never excessive, as at the tomb of Mereruka; even initial carving by lesser artists or unfinished scenes do not detract from the superb quality that betrays an innovative artist also anonymous.

By Alexander M. Badawy, University of California at Los Angeles.

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Science report

Erosion: Finding ways to preserve beaches

Holidaymakers on some of the most popular beaches from Bournemouth to Portobello, near Edinburgh, are unknowingly testing the ideas of scientists and engineers for the artificial restoration of parts of the coast suffering severe erosion. Using a process called beach nourishment, a research group at the Hydraulics Research Station, Wallingford, Oxfordshire, have been working on projects with local authorities.

Although the value of the work in improving seaside amenities will be judged in the summer, the most important part is perhaps the improvement of sea defences over many miles of shoreline at a fraction of the cost to local authorities.

Artificial beach restoration perfected at the research station for those parts of the coast where detailed surveys of conditions affecting erosion have been made is described in a report published yesterday.

It shows that a nourishment scheme costing £100,000 to £200,000, for example, can produce an attractive beach while cutting normal sea defence costs by as much as ten times. The building of groynes from a sea wall is criticized. In town areas the sea wall offers a tidy solution, and if it supports a promenade it adds to the amenities. Groynes, however, can seldom be justified either on aesthetic or engineering grounds, except on shingle beaches where there is much movement of material from several tides and currents.

By replacing lost sand with a coarser grade of material, sea walls and shore lines can often be protected much more cheaply than by groynes. The success of pumping material or carrying out beach nourishment depends on choosing a material matched very closely to the erosion conditions.

Preliminary estimates are that it cost £1 to pump a cubic metre of sand on to the shore, and restoration projects have been carried out with amounts from 120,000 cubic metres to more than a million.

A scheme costing £360,000 at Portobello is a great success and the restored beach is attracting back the lost crowds. A larger scheme at Bournemouth, which is a more exposed location, has so far shown encouraging results.

By Pearce Wright
Science Editor

Source: Hydraulics Research Station: *Record of Commissioned Investigations and Background Research Projects, 1974.*

Duke emphasizes need for arms

The Duke of Edinburgh yesterday warned disarmament campaigners against the folly of neglect. Opening a Royal Marines Museum at Eastney, Portsmouth, he said: "The Romans took the realistic view and recognized that if you want peace, you must be prepared for war."

He said the role of the Marines was in many ways subject to its greatest strain in peace time. It was hard to *maintain standards when popular opinion* was against any form of military activity or expenditure.

Protected creatures

The Conservation of Wild Creatures and Wild Plants Act came into force yesterday, making it illegal to kill, injure or capture horseshoe and mouse-eared bats, sand lizards, natterjack toads and blue butterflies.

Queen of New Guinea

Port Moresby, Aug 1.—The Queen has agreed to become Papua-New Guinea's head of state when the Australian self-governing territory attains independence on September 16,

University news

Merged colleges to offer degrees

The College of Ripon and York St John will offer new degrees, certificate in education and diploma of higher education courses from September. They will be validated by Leeds University.

The newly-merged college is one of the first in the United Kingdom to have concluded validation arrangements with a university. The new degree awards are BA, BSc (ordinary and honours) and BEd (ordinary and honours).

Wales

Lampeter
Lectureships: D. N. Barrow, BA (economic history); H. J. Harris, BA (American history); the Rev. I. F. Ellis, BA, BD (Welsh); K. D. Lyepot, BA (English Romantic); the A. M. Saunders (British nineteenth and twentieth century literature); C. J. Park, BSc (physical geography); R. H. Morgan, BA (human geography); J. Pugh, BA (French); Dr J. M. Scourfield (philosophy).

Liverpool
Professor D. L. Hughes, professor of veterinary pathology, has been appointed pro-vice-chancellor for three years.

The title of professor has been conferred upon Dr R. G. Hendrickse, senior lecturer in child health and tropical paediatrics, Dr S. A. Broadbridge, senior lecturer in economic history, Leicester University, has been appointed to the Chaddock Chair of Economic History. Professor F. Oldfield, Director of the School of Independent Studies, Lancaster University to the John Rankin Chair of Geography and Professor E. Rhodes, Professor and Director of the Institute of Continuing Education, New University of Ulster, to the chair of adult education and directorship of the Institute of Extension Studies.

The title of emeritus professor has been conferred on Professor I. S. Bramshaw, professor of psychology; Professor I. F. Hyde, holder of the Chaddock chair of economic history; Professor H. Myles Wright, Lever Professor of Civic Design; Professor N. M. Hancox, professor of histology; and Professor T. Kelly, professor of adult education and extramural studies.

Leeds
Professor Arthur Brown has been appointed to succeed Professor Charles Whewell as pro-vice-chancellor.

Reading
Lectureships: D. J. Banister, BA (Natl), geography; A. E. Bassa, BSc (Reading), land management and development; G. R. Crampton, BA (Cantab), economics; R. Engelsen, LLB (Natal), law; R. J. Metlitzki, MA (Cantab), BSc (Econ) (Lond), agricultural economics and management, under ICI/Home-based Scheme of Inter-University Council for Higher Education, to work on assignments for Ministry of Overseas Development; T. A. Noble, BA (Exon), sociology; G. Norman, MA (Dundee), economics; Mrs Ursula L. Rees, MA (Cantab), law; R. F. Smith, BA (Oxon), law; J. K. D. Watson, MA (Edin), PhD (Reading), education; Mrs Renata Wharr, MSc (Lond), AIProb (Nott), linguistic science.

Grant
Department of Construction Management, £10,746 from Science Research Council for work on computer-aided cost-processing and forecasting in architectural design.

25 years ago

From The Times of Wednesday, August 2, 1950

Turkey and treaty

From Our Own Correspondent

Istanbul, Aug 1.—The Turkish Government has decided to make formal application for the inclusion of Turkey in the North Atlantic Treaty.

It is understood that the British and French Governments are favourably inclined towards this Turkish request. . . . The United States Government, which up to last year was lukewarm in this matter, is now more favourably inclined.

Although Turkey is acting on her own behalf, it is understood that if Turkey is admitted to the Atlantic Pact, Greece will also become a member. One of the main reasons for opposition to the *admission of Turkey and Greece* was the internal situation in Greece [the Greek Communists were receiving outside support]. . . . It is hoped in Ankara that no serious objection exists now to the inclusion of Turkey and Greece.

How Hitler mocked Mussolini

Bonn, Aug 1.—Hitler used to do mocking impersonations of his fellow dictator Mussolini to amuse friends, according to the private diaries of Herr Albert Speer, the Nazi armaments chief in the Second World War.

Thrusting his chin out and straddling his legs with one hand on his hip, the German dictator would babble a string of Italian or Italian-sounding words.

The diaries, written secretly on scraps of paper, backs of labels and Bradbury rolls during his 20 years in the allied war crimes prison in West Berlin are being published later this month. The daily newspaper *Die Welt* today began serializing extracts.

Herr Speer, an inmate associate of Hitler from the early 1930s, and the only man to plead guilty at the Nuremberg war crimes trials in 1946, gives fresh insights into the characters of many of the leading Nazis, especially his fellow prisoners in Spandau.

He describes how Grand Admiral Erich Raeder, the former head of the German Navy, furiously swinging a stick, chased Herr Rudolf Hess, Hitler's deputy, when he caught him stealing something from his tomato patch in the prison garden.

Herr Speer recounts Hitler's contempt for General Franco and quotes the Führer as saying in 1942: "Instead of a leader with a personality, I found a little fat sergeant who could not grasp my worldwide plans."—Reuter.

Scots' assembly must not be stifled, MP says

From a Staff Reporter

Glasgow

One of the Labour Party's keenest supporters of strong devolution measures for Scotland said yesterday that the Government had to be encouraged resolutely to resist last-ditch efforts to kill off the idea of a Scottish assembly with election promise."

Mr James Sillars, MP for Ayrshire South, in a statement said that the Tories were not alone in seeking to undermine the Labour Government's unequivocal election pledge to set up a powerful assembly.

He said: "If these people had their way they would precipitate a political crisis because in truth what they advocate is a massive betrayal of a major election promise.

The critics of devolution had to appreciate that with Scotland's depressed economy, with unemployment building up, and with Westminster looking less and less likely to produce answers, the demand for Scottish action on Scottish difficulties would increase.



Fred Astaire, who at the age of 76 is in London to record 36 songs, 12 with Bing Crosby.

Obituary

MR LOUIS KLEIN
Jewish affairs in Australia

Mr Louis Klein, CBE, Jewish community leader publisher of the *Australian Jewish Times*, died on Au 1 in Sydney. He was 77.

He held a number of honorary positions including vice-presidency of the South Wales Jewish Board Deputies, the federal chairmanship of United Israel Appe *Australia and membership* the Executive Council Australian Jewry.

Born and educated in don, he served in the R army from 1941 to 1946, wounded twice and ment in dispatches.

He went to Australia in and was co-founder of An Squires, an enterprise became the largest Austr manufacturer of men's suit a major exporter.

DR REIJI OKAZA

Dr Reiji Okazaki the J ese molecular biologist, di July 31 at the age of 44.

He was a high school in a suburb of Hiroshim 1945 at the time of the dro of the atomic bomb on tha and was exposed to radi.

He later became Profes Molecular Biology at N University.

LORD MILLIGA

T.B.S. writes:

There is perhaps one at least, which might be to the obituary of the late Milligan. He was the suce Junior Counsel and later s ing Counsel to have app in the celebrated Hous Lords appeal in *Donogl Stevenson* in 1932. This de largely restored the law of land to what it had been early 19th century but pro a new starting point fo English law of negligence. claim to be regarded a most important civil ca this century.

When Lord Milligan w be interviewed this year r ing his recollection of the with characteristic humou modesty he observed to writer that he could not in why his contribution s have been regarded as ducing a *cause célèbre*.

Lover of jest and good pany, he would probably wished the Recording An *The Times* to recall his unusual athletic feat—eh undergraduate he raced B head as Chancellor round Quad on the basis of tw by Milligan against on Birkenhead.

SIR WILLIAM HODGE

W.A.C. writes:

May I be permitted to your obituary of Sir W Hodge? The obituary o from the list of his honours the crowning h conferred on him by the of the Royal Society's Medal, in November o year. Your writer paid t to Sir William's great heartedness and kin Those of us who remembe as Master and during the of his retirement can endorse this. He radia spirit of friendliness, jo and remarkable humili every way equal to his d tion as a mathematician. will be remembered wit happiest of memories an lasting esteem and aff here in Pembroke and University at large.

Mr Keith Innes, Direc Education for Wiltshire, died suddenly on July 25.

Dr Benjamin Albert I writer on American fo has died at the age of 7 best-known work we *Treasury of American Fo* published in 1944.

Mr George Cecil Steven died on July 31 at the 80, was a Justice of the for Hampshire from 19 1958.

Lieut-Col John Claude low Rivett-Carnac, MC, Constable of Huntingd 1923-57 and of the Isle 1931-57, died on July 26

Mr William David Porte died on July 31, at the 67, had been an Ald county councillor and a of the Peace for Hereford

Lady Gore Browne, wi Sir Eric Gore Browne OBE, died on July 31, age of 92. She was Mary I daughter of the Rt-Hon Booth, and she was mar 1912. Her husband died i

Services tomorrow: Tenth Sunday after Trinity

ST PAUL'S CATHEDRAL: HC, 8, 9, 10.30, Canon N. Wilson, 10 and Benedictus (Stanford in G); HC, 11.30 (Balbi); Ing, O sacrum convivium (Messiaen); E, 3.15, Rev G. B. Austin, Mag and ND (Wise in E flat), A. Hear my words (Parry).

WESTMINSTER ABBEY: HC, 8, 9, 10.30 (Collin's Peace), A. Lord, let me know mine end (Greene), Ven B. C. Jasper; HC, 11.40 (said); E, 3 (Weelkes, Ireland), A sing O heavens (Ammer), Rev N. Collings; 6.30, Father Cyril Woolley.

SOUTHWARK CATHEDRAL: HC, 11, Sanctus, Benedictus, Agnus (Kelly in G), A. Ave verum (Elgar), Canon Peter Newsome; Choral Evening Prayer, 4 (Weelkes, short), A. O quos, let us sing (Hurd), Rev David Hutt.

THE QUEEN'S CHAPEL OF THE SAVOY (public welcomed): Closed August and September.

HM TOWER OF LONDON: HC, 9.15 and 11, the Chaplain.

ROYAL HOSPITAL, Chelsea (public admitted): HC, 8.30 and noon; Parade Service, 11, A. Prevent us, O Lord (Parry), Rev E. W. Evans.

ST CLEMENT DANES (RAF Church) (public welcomed): HC, 8.30, Choral Eucharist, 11 (Wood in Phrygian mode); Int, Let thy merciful ears (Weelkes), and E, 3.30 (Tallis fourth tone), Resident Chaplain, A. How lovely is thy dwelling place (Brahms).

ALL HALLOWS BY THE TOWER: M, 11, the Vicar.

ALL SAINTS', Margaret Street: Lit, 8 and 8.30; HM, 11 (Darke in F), the Vicar; E, and 8, 6 (Noble in B minor), Rev John Slater.

CHELSEA PARISH CHURCH, Sydney Street: HC, 8.15, 12.10; Parish Communion, 10; M, 11, Prebendary Harold Loasby; 6.30, Rev Christopher Dean.

GROSVENOR CHAPEL, South Audley Street: HC, 8.15, Sung Eucharist, 11, Rev J. B. Cranfield.

HOLY TRINITY, Brompton Road: HC, 8 and 12.15 and 1.15 (Int, Parish Communion); 11, Rev G. Davis; M (said), 6; E, the Vicar.

HOLY TRINITY, Prince Consort Road: HC, 8.30, 12.15, M, 11, and E, Prebendary George Channell.

HOLY TRINITY, Kingsway: HC, 10, Rev John Arrowsmith.

ST ALBAN'S, Holborn: LM, 8 and 9.30 am, 8M, 6.30; HM, 11, 18 (Huber in G), Ps 23 (Jacob), the Vicar.

ST BARTHOLOMEW-THE-GREAT PRIORY (AD 1123): HC, 8; Choral Eucharist, 11, Prebendary Poulden; E, 6.30, Dr Gurney Smith.

ST BRIDE'S, Fleet Street: HC, 8 and M & HC, 11 and 6.30 (Stuart Littlewood), Rev Dewi Morgan.

ST GEORGE'S, Hanover Square: HC, 8.15; Sung Eucharist, 11 (Mattheu, short), Rev A. M. Atkins, Mot, Adoramus Te (Victoria).

ST GILES-IN-THE-FIELDS, St Giles High Street: HC, 8 and 12, 7.30 (by BCP), 11, and E, 6.30, Rev G. C. Taylor.

ST JAMES'S, Piccadilly: HC, 8.15, Eucharist, 9.15, Rev J. L. W. Robinson; Sung Eucharist, 11 and E, 6, Rev W. H. Baddeley.

ST MARGARET'S, Westminster: HC, 8.15, 10.15, and 6.45, Rev R. Price; HC, 8.45, 12.15, 6.45; M, 11, E, 6.

ST MARTIN-IN-THE-FIELDS: HC, 8; Family Communion, 9.45; M, 11, the Vicar; 6.30, Rev Andrew Gough.

ST MARY ABBOTS, Kensington: HC, 8, 12.30; Sung Eucharist, 11.30, Rev J. P. Hill; M, 11.15, and E, 6.30, Rev A. F. Davis.

ST MARYLEBONE PARISH CHURCH: HC, 8, 11, Prebendary F. Coventry; E, 6.30.

ST MICHAEL'S, Chester Square: HC, 8.15; Parish Communion, 11, and E, 6, Rev E. H. Saunders.

ST PAUL'S, Wilton Place, Knightsbridge: HC, 8, 9; SE, 11, Rev D. H. Norris.

ST PAUL'S, Robert Adam Street: M, 11, and 6, Bishop Goodwin Hudson.

ST SIMON ZELOTES: Comm 8, 12.15; M, 11, E, 6.30, Fr Clarke.

ST STEPHEN'S, Gloucester [illegible]: HC, 7, 8; HM, 11, Miss [illegible], Rev Richard Hayes B. D.; Rev Gilbert Cash.

ST VEDAST, Foster Lane: Canon French-Bretagh.

ST COLUMBA'S (Church [illegible], Sea Street: 11, Rev Fraser McLuskey, 6.30, Rev Gordie.

CROWN COURT CHURCH of Scotland), Russell Street, Garden: 11.15 and 6.30, Rev Scott.

WESTMINSTER CATHEDRA 7, 8, 9, 12, 1.30, and 7; HM and 6; M.

THE ORATORY, SW7: 8M, 1 Palestrina (Palestrina), and Mass from remainder.

ASSUMPTION, Warwick St, Lenten, Byrd in 5 voices.

ST PATRICK'S, Soho Squa 8 am, Missa Sancta [illegible] (Nieland), Lauda [illegible] Dom Bari.

THE JESUIT CHURCH, Far Ln, 7, 8, 9, 10, and 12 (1 (Gallagher), 1.15, 6.30 and Nunc Dimittis.

REGENT SQUARE PRESBY CHURCH (Albert Orfeo Hall), Place: 11 and 6.30, Dr Daniel

[illegible] UNITED METH CHURCH (Presbyterian), Henrietta Street: 11, [illegible] Allen Street: 11, [illegible] Rev Gilbert: 6.30, Rev Conrad [illegible] CENTRAL HALL, Westmins and 6.30, Dr N. Bennett.

KINGSWAY HALL (Presbyterian): 11 and 6.30, Rev Ian Mackenzie.

CITY TEMPLE, Holborn: 11 and 6.30, Rev Ian Paisley, Ph Hunt: 11 and 6.30, Rev [illegible] Morgan.

WESLEY'S CHAPEL, opposite Mary's, Lithgate Rd: 11, [illegible] Allen, Birkenhead.

ESSEX CHURCH, Lansdowne 11 St Mary Abbot's Rd: [illegible], Kensington.

FRIENDS MEETING FOR W (Quakers), 52 St Martin's Lan

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BUSINESS NEWS

Personal investment and finance, pages 16 and 17

Tap stock terms suggest trend is against higher interest rates

By Tim Congdon

A large new long-dated tap stock was announced yesterday. The terms of the issue were interpreted in the City as implying that the authorities do not intend to push interest rates up further in the near future.

The new stock is to be known as Treasury 12¼ per cent 1992. The issue amounts to £600m and is at a price of £94.50. The gross redemption yield is 13.59 per cent.

Dealers said that this yield is lightly beneath that obtainable on nearby stocks. This gave encouragement to the longer end of the gilt-edged market in after-hours business. Prices rose by half a point in active trading after the announcement, to have many stocks one point up on the day.

The lower yield was taken as a sign that the Bank of England does not want interest rates to go higher. A large part of the central government borrowing requirement for the current fiscal year has still not been financed, but the success of the last two "long" taps, Treasury 3 per cent 1995 and Treasury 4 per cent 1997, has taken the immediate pressure off the authorities.

The Bank of England may be content to finance the Government's deficit by Treasury bills for the time being. Yesterday the weekly issue amounted to £350m and next week it will be £400m, an exceptionally high figure.

However, demand at yesterday's tender was also unusually strong. Applications totalled £998.0m, a record. But the average rate came down only slightly, from £10.4407 per cent to £10.4272 per cent, and the Bank's minimum lending rate was unchanged at 11 per cent.

Market sources suggested that the enormous level of applications should not be interpreted as a sign of abundant liquidity. Conditions in the discount market have been tight for the past fortnight. Instead, the high level could be attributed to the attractiveness of Treasury bills at present, as they are showing a yield above clearing bank base rates and returns on comparable financial assets.

Sterling remained steady yesterday. Although it closed at a new record low against the dollar at $2.1475, down 63 points on the day, the effective depreciation rate was only 0.1 per cent up at 26.3 per cent.

American prime rate increases expected

From Our US Economics Correspondent

Washington, Aug 1

First National City Bank announced today that it was raising its prime lending rate to 7½ per cent; but bankers consider that a new wave of prime rate rises could well be triggered in the next few days if the Federal Reserve continues to pursue its tight money policies.

New Fed data show that the money supply expanded at less than 2 per cent in the four weeks to July 23, and that the Fed's open market activities in recent weeks have been on a large scale.

Money market rates have continued to rise, but sharp increases have been avoided largely because of continuing declines in business loan demand.

The rate for Federal funds rose an average of 11 basis points in the last week to 6.25 per cent, and a further significant increase would produce higher prime rate levels.

But the banks are being extremely cautious about raising lending rates further in view of the drop in loan demand.

New figures released by the New York Fed show that loan demand at the 12 largest New York banks fell by $38m (about £17.7m) in the week ending on Wednesday. The drop was the fourth consecutive fall and the total decline for the last four weeks was fully $914m.

Other Fed data indicated that the Federal Reserve had managed substantially to increase its sales of government securities to foreign governments and international institutions.

The increases almost certainly reflect growing foreign confidence in the dollar. In the last Fed statement the level of us holdings of government securities for official foreign account rose $1,010m to $42,440.

Despite the ups and downs of interest rates, the free world's biggest banks appear to be prospering as never before, according to a new survey compiled by the *American Banker*.

The survey shows that total deposits of the 500 largest banks in the non-communist world rose 15.5 per cent last year to $1,992,900m.

It shows that 373 of the top 500 banks had deposits in excess of $1,000m.

Economic summit seems certain despite denials

From David Spanier
Helsinki, Aug 1

While official spokesmen are denying that President Ford, Mr Wilson, Herr Schmidt and President Giscard d'Estaing agreed on a special economic summit later this year, together with Japan, the fact is that such a meeting will almost certainly take place. No date has been fixed yet, however.

Confusion after yesterday's discussion among the four, when Dr Henry Kissinger, the American Secretary of State, played down the reported summit plans, is explained by political protocol.

The Big Four cannot say in public that they have agreed to talk together in a private forum because to do so would offend other EEC countries, who would feel excluded. Hence the official denials, though they have not prevented other members of the European Community from protesting.

In reality, the American President and his European colleagues believe that a summit meeting is needed, with Japan, to look at the world economy in a more *political* way than is possible in regular economic meetings. This was the common conclusion of the lunchtime discussion, at which Mr Wilson was host, in a break from the European security conference yesterday.

There are some questions, such as whether Britain should introduce import controls, or whether Italy requires special financial help, which can only be discussed at the highest political level, authoritative sources say. Such questions are not on the table now, but if they should arise, they are political in the strictest sense of the term.

Mr Wilson has made it clear on several occasions that Britain has no intention of introducing import controls. The British view of the summit is simply that the economic outlook in Europe is so serious, principally because of the high level of unemployment, that it is absolutely essential for the major powers to tackle the problems together.

All that has been settled so far, on a French initiative, is that senior officials should meet from the five countries concerned to discuss interest rates policy in the present world context of recession and unemployment. The meeting is expected to take place shortly, probably in Paris.

The summit meeting would follow, possibly next month. The objective, even so, will not be to take hard and fast decisions which would cut across the competence of existing international organizations. It is rather for the Western leaders to take a political position, which can then be passed on from the White House and European chancelleries to the economic policymakers concerned.

Tokyo: The Japanese Government has decided to "positively take part" in the proposed economic summit conference, government sources said.

They said Mr Takeo Miki, the Prime Minister, would discuss the timing, agenda and other details with President Ford at their summit meeting next week.

The sources said President d'Estaing hoped to limit discussions at the conference to monetary affairs. But the Japanese Government was of the view that the conference should cover overall world economic affairs.

The government believed it necessary to hold a preparatory meeting among the five nations involved if the conference was to be a success, the sources said.

At the coming Japan-United States summit meeting, they said, Mr Miki and President Ford would also discuss plans for such a preparatory meeting.—Agence France-Presse.

Private gas deals 'had government approval'

By Malcolm Brown

Mr Wedgwood Benn, Secretary of State for Energy, last night disclosed that a previous Labour Government not only knew about, but specifically endorsed, at least one of the contracts between the British Gas Corporation and private industry which are estimated to be now costing the corporation about £180m a year in lost revenues.

The Secretary of State's disclosure follows his evidence to a Parliamentary subcommittee on nationalized industry on Wednesday that a contract with ICI, signed in the late 1960s and running until 1984, was fixed at £20m a year, while a competitor charged today's prices would have to pay about £110m a year.

He told the committee that other unrevised contracts could amount to another £90m a year in lost revenues. The Government, he suggested, might well have to take a close look at the contracts.

But in a letter last night to Mr Edwin Wainwright, MP, chairman of subcommittee "B" of the select committee on nationalized industries, Mr Benn stated that Mr Roy Mason, one of his predecessors, had given full approval to the ICI deal.

"The Government was kept informed of the negotiations with ICI and in November, 1968, the then Minister of Power formally approved the supply of gas to ICI on terms agreed between the Gas Council and ICI.

Explaining the background to the deal, Mr Benn, who said that he was furnishing the information after discussions with Sir Arthur Hetherington, chairman of the British Gas Corporation, stated that the gas concerned was mainly used for non fuel uses, and for these purposes the Gas Corporation does not have a statutory "first offer" position.

"It would therefore have been possible for ICI to buy the gas direct from the producers and the quantity of gas was so large that a single direct pipeline working at a very high load factor could have been economic. The resulting competitive bidding position could well have led to a higher gas price at the beach", Mr Benn stated.

He then suggests in his letter that quite apart from the advantages to the balance of payments of displacing naphtha by natural gas, there were big technical, economic and marketing advantages to the corporation in integrating the supply into its own transmission system.

"It was therefore decided that it was very much in the interests of all gas customers that ICI should purchase gas through the gas industry on its conditions", he added, terms which reflected the buy-

Doubts on UK role in £67,600m Saudi plan

By David Blake

Shaikh Hisham Nazer, the Saudi Arabian Minister of State and president of the Central Planning Organisation yesterday ended a week of top-level talks in London aimed at boosting economic and technical cooperation with the United Kingdom.

He said he had found "keen interest" on the British side in playing a full part in Saudi Arabia's $142,000m (about £67,600m) five-year development plan.

Behind the public optimism, however, there seems to be a mood of private pessimism among some Saudi officials about just how great a role British companies will be able to play in the development scheme, and their visit here has, on balance, seemed to reinforce their doubts.

This is despite a programme which has brought them in contact with virtually every Cabinet Minister even remotely involved in economic affairs, including Mr Wilson, Mr Healey, Mr Eric Varley the Industry Secretary, Mr Wedgwood Benn, Energy Secretary and Mr Gordon Richardson, the Governor of the Bank of England.

In addition, the minister has seen the CBI and a number of figures in the City.

What seems to have depressed the Saudi officials is the difficulties facing British companies who try to set up joint ventures.

Under the Saudi development scheme, which aims to use the country's huge oil revenues to build up infrastructure and industry, foreign companies are required to put up a financial stake in the joint schemes.

In return for this, and the know-how which they use in building the plant, they receive generous low-interest loans (currently at 2 per cent and possibly free in future) as well as other concessions.

According to bankers, there is great reluctance on the part of companies in the United Kingdom to put up a cash investment, because of the need to buy foreign exchange through the "dollar premium", under which currency bought for investment abroad has to be purchased at a specially unfavourable rate of exchange.

This worry is somewhat surprising, because most large concerns with international activities have ready access to sources of financing outside Britain, which enables them not to pay the dollar premium.

Nonetheless, some concrete areas where the United Kingdom may be able to gain an advantage over its competitors do seem to have emerged this week. Part of the Saudi plan involves the building of a number of new towns. Britain's experience in building such new towns in the post-war years is expected to prove helpful in gaining contracts.



Shaikh Nazer: "Keen interest" on British side.

Go-ahead for Leyland takeover

By Our Financial Staff

British Leyland's capital reconstruction was given a clear passage yesterday when Mr Justice Templeman, in the High Court, granted a petition for a Scheme of Arrangement for the company.

Dismissing every objection put forward by dissenting shareholders, the judge also refused leave to appeal to the House of Lords on one of the objections—that Lord Stokes had improperly used proxy votes at a class meeting of holders of Ordinary shares to defeat an amendment to the Scheme and to defeat a move to adjourn the meeting.

The sanctioning of the Scheme now allows the Government to take a majority stake—which could rise to as much as 95 per cent of the equity—in the company. If everything goes according to plan, a new company, British Leyland Ltd, will take over the management on August 11.

Shareholders who opted to take the 10p a share cash offer from the Government should receive their money next month, and the company's capital will be increased shortly through a rights issue underwritten by the Government.

Mr Justice Templeman said that nearly 90 per cent of the shareholders who had voted at the class meeting had been in favour of the Scheme. The dissidents had advanced no reasons why this majority should be ignored in favour of the 1 per cent minority opposing the Scheme except for "vague and fallacious" arguments that the majority included institutions and the big battalions.

The judge said: "I don't expect the minority to be convinced but I am satisfied that the majority were right, unpalatable though the arrangement is to the shareholders and much though they have suffered since they bought their shares."

There was no possible alternative scheme which would give the shareholders—who have been offered 10p per share—a better deal, the judge said. Nor was there any chance that the Government could be persuaded or coerced into improving its offer.

The judge rejected complaints that the shareholders had not been given enough information about the Ryder report, or possible alternative proposals for the company's future.

Nor did he accept that the Leyland directors and their advisers had been coerced by the Government. They had faithfully carried out their duty.

British Leyland has offered to meet the costs of the dissenting shareholders.

Sharp improvement in US employment total

From Frank Vogl
Washington, Aug 1

A marked improvement in the United States employment situation was seen in July, according to figures issued by the Department of Labour.

They suggest that the rate of unemployment possibly reached a peak in May and that coming months could see increases in employment, further declines in the number of people out of work and increases in the length of the average working week.

The unemployment rate in July fell to 8.4 per cent from the record 9.2 per cent recorded in May and the average rate seen in the second quarter of 8.9 per cent.

The decline was largely caused by a rise in total employment with the number of unemployed falling by only 100,000 last month to 7.8 million. But the Labour Department said the fall would have been much greater had it not been for increases in strike activity affecting 95,000 workers.

Total employment fell 2.6 million in the six months to the end of March, but then appeared to turn the corner. The rise in July in the employment total was half the increase in the workforce since March, at 630,000.

The numbers of people entering the labour market is increasing at a steady pace, but for the first time in months there are signs of a real improvement in the job opportunities for them.

Unemployment in manufacturing industries fell to 11.1 per cent last month from the second quarter average rate of 12.1 per cent. This was the first significant decline in this sector for more than a year, the Labour Department said.

The 7.8 million total unemployment level is 400,000 below the second quarter average, and the decline appears to have covered all types of workers.

In July the average working week rose to 36.1 hours from 36 hours in the previous three months. The average duration of unemployment held steady at 15.4 weeks in July after rising consistently in the previous 12 months.

The total working population reached 85.1 million last month, by far the highest rate this year. It compares with a total of 84.1 million in the first quarter and 84.3 million on average in the second quarter.

An improvement in the employment situation was hinted at in the figures for June, but they were so distorted by seasonal factors and a huge increase in the number of teenagers seeking work that the Labour Department gave a warning against the figures being used as a guide to future trends.

With many factories closing for much of August, the data for the current month may also be misleading to some extent.

Other government statistics suggest that consumer demand is rising and that industrial output is likely to increase—hence the present optimism of officials that further improvement in employment is likely.

But a disquieting factor is that a significant rise in inflation is likely which could again dampen spending and retard the pace of general economic improvement.

Mr Julius Shiskin, the Commissioner of Labour Statistics, said that decontrol of oil prices, which President Ford was about to order, would raise the consumer prices index by about 0.6 per cent in the next few months.

Meanwhile, according to many economists, further large grain sales to Russia will push up domestic food prices and possibly add another 0.6 per cent to the consumer prices index.

EEC wary over grain for Russians

From Michael Hornsby
Brussels, Aug 1

The European Commission served notice yesterday that because of the "considerable decline" expected in grain production in 1975-76 it would not be prepared to subsidize exports of EEC wheat to the Soviet Union on any significant scale.

Speaking at a press conference in Brussels, Mr Pierre Lardinois, the Commissioner responsible for Agriculture, said that poor crop prospects dictated a "cautious export policy".

Mr Lardinois said that the world grain market had been disturbed by big Soviet purchases of wheat and maize in the United States, Canada and Australia, amounting to between 14 and 15 million tons.

The Russians had also approached trading companies in France and Germany with a view to buying a further one million tons, though no contracts had yet been signed.

The Commissioner made it clear that the EEC had no intention of selling grain to the Soviet Union at "lower than normal prices".

Under new regulations, traders would have to tender for sports subsidies, Mr Lardinois said. If granted, the subsidies, which are designed to bridge the gap between high EEC and lower world market prices, would generally go to the highest bidder. He implied, however, that such subsidies would be minimal.

Commenting on grain export policy, Mr Lardinois said the EEC's first obligation was to its own consumers. After that, the main priority had to be given to food aid to the Third World and to the Community's traditional customers in Europe.

Looking at the overall crop prospects for 1975-76, Mr Lardinois estimated that wheat production would be 10 to 11 per cent and barley 6 to 8 per cent lower than in 1974-75, later, the smallest of the three drops, would be about 20 per cent higher.

German hopes: West German sporting houses hope to offer 70,000 tonnes of wheat and early 300,000 tonnes of barley to the Soviet Union by tender for this month, a Ministry of Agriculture spokesman said.

Teheran shareholders increase stake in Iran Overseas Investment Bank

Iran's stake in the Iran Overseas Investment Bank was increased yesterday from 20 per cent to 50 per cent by an additional subscription of capital. The two Iranian shareholders, the Bank Melli Iran and the Industrial Mining and Development Bank of Iran, have each subscribed another £1.5m to increase the bank's capital to £3m, and their share to 25 per cent each.

The remaining 50 per cent in the bank is to be split equally between eight other banks, including Barclays Bank International and the Midland Bank. Until yesterday all 10 partners in the Iranvest Bank, as it is known, held 10 per cent each.

The latest Iranian move puts Iranvest in a position to have stronger links with its shareholders in Teheran at a time when it seems likely that Iran will have an increasing interest in the international capital market in London.

There have been increasing rumours in recent weeks that the Iranians are interested in borrowing on a substantial scale to finance their ambitious industrialization schemes, and in 1976 it is likely that they will be seeking large funds.

But officials of the bank say that Iran sees this as part of a two-way process, in which it would continue to place funds in international markets at the same time as seeking them for its own use. This is thought to have two advantages.

In the first place, it forces companies in Iran which have development projects to analyse and present them in a way which meets with the approval of international financial circles, thus imposing a discipline on them which would not exist if they could get unlimited funds at home. Secondly, borrowing abroad is a way of getting known in the world at large.

In recent months the drop in world oil consumption has cut Iran's revenue and has led to a scaling down in the country's £30,000m development scheme.

23 pc surge in orders for West German industry

From Peter Norman
Bonn, Aug 1

West German industry received a sudden upsurge of new orders in June, ahead of the expiry of the government's 7.5 per cent investment bonus scheme at the end of the month.

Official figures from the Economics Ministry show that on a seasonally adjusted basis, industry's new orders intake rose by 23 per cent compared with May. Home orders increased by 34 per cent, while those from abroad declined by 2 per cent.

Not surprisingly, the main beneficiary of the upward trend in home demand was the investment goods industry. While its order inflow from abroad stagnated, domestic orders jumped by 80 per cent, making a 50 per cent rise over the month.

This sudden rise in June more than compensated for May's poor figures. Taking the two months together, new orders were 8.5 per cent higher than in March and April. The investment goods industry showed a 20 per cent rise in new orders which was shared fairly uniformly throughout its main branches.

In the two months, orders for the mechanical engineering industry rose by 31.5 per cent, compared with March and April, while for the electrical industry the increase was 28 per cent and for the vehicle industry 17.5 per cent.

In contrast, the flow of new orders for the basic material and production goods industries as well as for the consumer goods industry fell slightly.

It remains to be seen whether June's encouraging order figures will set a lasting trend.

The poor results in May have prompted many observers to suggest that June's results are a temporary phenomenon and include many orders that would have been made in any case, but were brought forward and placed at the last possible moment to benefit from the investment bonus.

The West German Federal Bank reported a lower current account balance of payments surplus in June of DM723m (about £130m) against DM1,053m in May. This brings the first half surplus down to DM7,913m from DM12,958m in the first six months of 1974.

Taking capital movements into account, Germany's balance of payments showed a deficit of DM664m in June, against a May deficit of DM702m.

Textile makers' plea for more government aid

By Peter Hill

A plea to begin urgent consultations with all sectors of Britain's troubled textile industry, and to examine the possibilities for further assistance under the Industry Act, has been made to the Government.

Mr John Longworth, director of the Textile Industry Support Campaign, in a letter to Mr Eric Varley, the Industry Secretary, has expressed the industry's "bitter disappointment" at the Government's recently announced package of measures designed to alleviate some of the industry's problems.

Mr Longworth claimed that the Government had failed to get to grips with the real problem and had been attempting to make political capital out of promises.

Underlining the industry's pleas for tougher curbs on many types of textile imports, Mr Longworth said the time had come when a liberal attitude towards Third World nations could be so damaging to the home economy that it ultimately rebounded against the developing nations. "You do not make the weak any stronger by making the strong weaker", he added.

Walkout by 1,100 at BSC's Sheffield plant

About 1,100 men at the British Steel Corporation's Templeborough plant, Sheffield, yesterday walked out in protest at a number of craftsmen being suspended. The plant closed last evening for two weeks' holiday.

A BSC spokesman said that a number of men at Templeborough were suspended on Thursday evening after refusing to carry out maintenance work on an electric arc furnace, which was required for the continuation of production.

The spokesman said: "The dispute is concerned with the interpretation of the cost-saving measures jointly agreed at national level between the TUC-steel industry coordinating committee and the corporation."

Chrysler workers accept £8 rise

Chrysler toolroom engineers in Coventry yesterday accepted a national pay offer which gives them an extra £8 a week.

The company's other 26,000 clerical and production workers had already accepted the wage rise, backdated to July 1.

The 250 toolroom engineers had been trying to have their offer improved in talks with the management. At a meeting yesterday a call for strike action was narrowly defeated.

Angry NVT men threaten Meriden-style sit-in

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marks made in the Commons on Thursday by Mr Varley, Secretary of State for Industry, when he announced that no further aid would be given to the industry. The minister's assertion that the bottom had fallen out of the American "superbike" market and that NVT had a stock of 13,000 unsold machines throughout the world, was particularly regretted, he said.

There had been no collapse of the American market, according to the latest figures of new motor-cycle registrations. Japanese manufacturers had been indulging in price cutting to clear their large stocks.

The unsold machines, he added, represented an accountancy figure which included machines that were not NVT's but were inherited when Norton and BSA merged and had long since been written off. Even if there were 13,000 unsold machines that would not be a ground for panic. He added: Such remarks, when they emanate from such a high authority, are not understood for what they are in other countries and can be very damaging commercially. Even if the Government do not wish to support Mr Benn's plan, it would have cost them nothing to find some words to encourage what is left instead of doing their best to destroy it.

Our Midlands Industrial Correspondent writes: Shop stewards at the NVT works at Wolverhampton made it plain last night that if the company carried out its threat to close their factory it would face another workers' sit-in. Shop stewards set up pickets from the ranks of workers not on holiday. The pickets were told not to allow completed motor cycles or machinery to be taken away but to offer no obstruction to vehicles delivering components.

Emergency plans have been drawn up to occupy the plant, using volunteers from other factories in the Wolverhampton area. Mr Ray Durman, a member of the shop stewards' action committee, said: "We do not want to do this unless we have to, but we can have a thousand men inside the factory within two hours if necessary."

Last night five members of the shop stewards' committee, led by Mr Jack Everitt, the Transport and General Workers' Union's senior convener at the factory, met full-time union officials and Mrs Renee Short, the local MP.

Afterwards Mr Everitt said: "We are prepared to take all steps necessary including a sit-in. We want to see the liquidator as soon as possible. Depending upon what he does will depend whether or not we 'do a Meriden'."

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Equities drift downwards in trading slump

An active day for government securities was rounded off by the announcement of a new £600m government tap stock for the long end of the gilt-edged market.

Equities drifted lower in thin trading, and marked bargains of only 2,793 in London represented a fresh low for any normal trading day. The *FT* index closed 0.5 off at 282.8, having touched 281.5.

The first leg of the trading account has brought a fall of 1.4 per cent in share prices. Selling has been light, despite some disappointing trading reports from leading companies. Gilts, unsettled at first by higher interest rates in the United States, moved higher again.

Banking shares have been weaker in London after interim statements from the main banks disappointed City investors. In oil shares Shell closed easier with the second half results due next week. BP remained depressed by market fears that the Bank plans to sell off the shares taken over from Burmah Oil.

Dow Jones down: Wall Street stocks closed lower, with the Dow Jones industrial average off 5.01 to 826.50 and the New York Stock Exchange index down 0.42 to 47.10. Declines outnumbered advances 962 to 287. Volume, at 13,320,000 shares, was the lightest since December.

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How the markets moved

The Times index: 120.19 −2.20
The FT index: 283.3 −5.2

Rises

Ass Port Cement	2p to 128p	Furness Withy	9p to 232p
Boots	1p to 98p	Guinness	2p to 112p
Coltness Grp	1p to 13p	Hawker Sidd	1p to 246p
Churchbury Est	12p to 110p	Mining Supplies	5p to 36p
Delson	2p to 20p	MEPC	3p to 78p
Foster J.	11p to 211p	Racal Elect	4p to 290p
Fisons	2p to 327p	Rea Bros	5p to 60p

Falls

APV Hldgs	8p to 180p	Howard Mach	3p to 33p
Atlantic Assets	3p to 32½p	Int Hldgs	30p to 850p
Barclays Bk	5p to 255p	Lloyds Bk	7p to 170p
BP	7p to 465p	Prop Hldgs	3p to 150p
Broken Hill	10p to 655p	Royal	6p to 238p
CCH Inv	3p to 13p	Union Plat	7p to 185p
Gerrard & Nat	7p to 240p	Western Areas	5p to 565p

THE POUND

	Bank buys	Bank sells
Australia $	1.71	1.66
Austria Sch	39.50	37.50
Belgium Fr	87.25	84.50
Canada $	2.26	2.21
Denmark Kr	13.10	12.70
Finland Mkk	8.25	8.00
France Fr	9.55	9.25
Germany DM	5.65	5.45
Greece Dr	69.75	67.75
Hongkong $	11.10	10.70
Italy Lr	1,510.00	1,445.00
Japan Yn	665.00	640.00
Netherlands Gld	5.80	5.60
Norway Kr	11.90	11.55
Portugal Esc	57.00	55.00
S Africa Rd	1.85	1.77
Spain Pes	127.00	122.00
Sweden Kr	9.45	9.15
Switzerland Fr	5.90	5.70
US $	2.19	2.14
Yugoslavia Dnr	38.50	36.50

Rates for bank notes only, as supplied privately by Barclays Bank International Ltd. Different rates apply to travellers' cheques and other foreign currency business.

Sterling was 63 pts down on the day at $2.1475. The "effective devaluation" rate was 26.3 per cent.

Gold was 15 cents down at $166.75 an ounce.

SDR-$ was 1.19083 on Friday, while SDR-£ was 0.55470.

Commodities: Reuter's commodity index was at 1138.0 (previous 1139.6).

Equities were quiet.

Gilt-edged securities moved up in anticipation of a new tap stock.

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Property bonds: learning the hard way

As more property bond companies present their 1974-75 reports it is becoming increasingly clear that the industry was lucky to escape with only Nation Life as its major casualty.

During the 15 months from April 1, 1974, to end-June, 1975, property bonds in total contracted by some £141.5m to £394.25m, a reduction in size of more than 26 per cent which the industry was hard pushed to accommodate.

And the figures published in the accompanying table (derived partly from the *Managed and Property Bonds* 1974-75 guidebook and the latest edition of *Planned Savings*) do not tell the entire story. Several of the leading property bond companies began lowering the unit price in February of last year and felt the immediate impact of increased redemptions.

The consequence of the rapidly deteriorating conditions in the property market—the threat of the Conservative government's proposed development tax adding to the increasingly apparent dangers of an accelerated economic downturn—continued to dominate the property bond industry throughout the year.

In the absence of almost any market in property over £250,000 valuers began to mark down property bond fund prices more swingeingly. And bondholders seeing this and the increasingly long list of collapses of companies in the "fringe" bank world, all being attributed to their being over-extended in property, began to vote with their feet.

With few exceptions, property bond companies spent most of last year in a net redemption position. It must be remembered that sales include more than outright sales from disenchanted (in this case) policyholders; they also include the sales generated through withdrawal plans held by those bondholders still remaining loyal to the fund.

Liquidity has always been one of the key elements of property bond fund evaluation. This obsession with how much immediate cash a property bond fund has at its disposal was fully justified. Because in the past 12 months there were property bond companies which came dangerously near to exhausting their liquidity provisions.

In fact, for many of them it was probably a great relief that property bond fund prices were in retreat. As the fund shrunk in value, this effectively improved the existing liquidity ratio as the cash element in the portfolio remained constant.

As it was, more than one property bond fund manager took a good look at just how the six-month moratorium on property bond fund redemptions operated. Almost all property funds have this clause, allowing them to suspend repayments for six months if the circumstances warrant it.

A case can be argued for this procedure, but the fact remains that were this clause ever to be activated it would sound the death knell, at least for some time, of the property bond industry. There would be a rush out of all property funds until they were forced to retreat behind the six-month barrier.

This was the situation the property bond industry was slowly approaching by the end of last year. Nearly all of the companies were selling properties to meet their commitments, and taking a loss on them.

An actively managed property portfolio is desirable, the managers now argue. The fact remains that the property sales of 1974-75 did resemble forced sales.

About January this year, the heavy outflow of funds began to ease and although purchasers did not pick up to any great extent, property bond managers were able to breathe a sigh of relief for the first time in six months.

The fact that the market for single-premium bonds (lump sum investments) is still dead does not worry them in the least. Useful though single-premium policies were in helping new companies get off the ground in the early seventies heyday of property bonds, they have now outlived their purpose. And, as events of the last year have shown, can be a positive danger to the industry.

Instead, it is the regular premium income which all the fund managers are now anxious to secure. The immediate objective is to have annual premium income which at least matches the regular outgoings involved in servicing withdrawal plans.

In this respect and again in respect of the constitution of their property bond fund portfolio, property bond managers have emerged wiser if sadder after the last 12 months.

Margaret Stone

THE 1974-75 RETREAT OF PROPERTY FUNDS

Fund	Size (1) April, 1974 £m	Size (2) June/July, 1975* £m	Change in size (1) and (2) % £m	Unit price at Aug 1, 1975 p	Price change April 1, 1974 to Aug 1, 1975 %
Abbey	219.0	168.0	−23.2	115.7	−27.0
Cannon	4.1	3.8	−7.3	733.0	−14.3
City of Westminster	8.6	6.6	−23.2	45.0	−7.0
Crusader	2.2	1.8	−18.1	57.2	−10.7
Hill Samuel	20.7	20.13	−2.4	126.4	−23.2
Guardian	15.5	10.6	−31.6	135.0	−19.8
Hambro	78.0	57.1	−26.9	124.0	−12.3
Hearts of Oak	4.8	3.8	−20.8	31.2	−14.2
Irish Life	32.0	29.0	−9.3	138.0	−16.9
Langham	1.0	0.7	−30.0	111.2	−21.8
Lion	1.3	0.8	−38.4	57.3	−24.2
M & G Group	4.6	2.9	−36.9	115.0	−21.7
Merchant Investors	20.6	10.9	−47.0	105.7	−29.0
Pearl Montagu	1.8	1.65	−5.0	104.5	−6.9
Property Growth	44.2	29.4	−33.4	146.5	−15.8
Reliance	4.2	2.5	−40.4	145.3	−11.2
Robert Silk	4.3	3.2	−25.5	145.7	−15.6
Save & Prosper	33.4	22.8	−31.7	112.1	−9.8
Target	3.2	2.15	−31.2	90.0	−26.2
Tyndall	24.7	11.2	−55.4	84.8	−41.6
Welfare	7.6	5.4	−28.9	73.5	−42.8

* Valuation dates vary but all are about the end of June/early July with the exception of Reliance and Hearts of Oak (both end of December, 1974) and Crusader and Save & Prosper (both mid-May).

Taxation: readers ask



"To my son I leave the net figure of £2,000 and bloodsuckers of CTT £222."

CTT: Valuing gifts • Foreign domicile

This end of the month round-up of letters deals entirely with readers' questions on my capital transfer tax articles.

The first concerns valuation: "No doubt many people possess valuable items (on jewelry for example) which they may wish to pass to younger members of the family. If such items have been inherited by their owner, the correct value of the possessions is unlikely to be known. In which case the opinion of a professional valuer must be sought and his subsequent fee paid (plus VAT), merely for the purpose of discovering how much CTT such a gift will attract.

"I find it absurd that possibly a high valuation fee plus the appropriate VAT should have to be paid, only in the interest of finding out the amount of another necessary tax (CTT) due to be extorted.

"If a receipt can be produced showing the professional valuation fee, should not the latter sum legally be made deductible from the CTT demanded when the transference of valuable items takes place?"

I sympathize, but the law is quite specific on the way it treats expenses. There is a measure of relief if the *recipient* of the gift pays the valuation expenses, the rule being that such incidental costs are deductible from the *value* of the gift, so that the net figure is liable to CTT.

This does not give as much benefit, of course, as deducting the expense from the tax itself as this reader, and indeed all of us, would prefer. There is no relief if the donor pays the costs.

While on the subject of valuations, in last month's queries I printed a letter from a reader who had been aggrieved by conflicting valuations of the same asset.

It was interesting to read a report on an auction in *The Times* last Saturday which said: "By a quirk of sale room strategy, one superbly carved pair of George II mahogany chairs sold for £9,000 at Sotheby's yesterday and a second, identical pair, for £5,800. The presale estimate in each case had been £4,000 to £5,000, and the buyer, an English private collector, and underbidder were the same on each lot."

If a gift of these chairs had been made instead of a sale, what I wonder would have been the professional valuation? It can be seen from the report that there were at least four choices, £4,000, £5,000, £5,800 and £9,000. This highlights the problem of obtaining a fair valuation.

On the question of who should bear the tax a reader writes: "If you want to transfer £X,000 *net* after tax to a recipient, does it make any difference who pays the tax, donor or donee?

"Am I right in saying it makes no difference? The net sum is of course the same (by definition) but also the total tax is the same and the total cost to the donor is the same."

Yes, this is so if, as the reader says, the gift is to be a fixed net amount. For example, assume a donor wants to give his son £2,000 clear of CTT, and having made previous "chargeable transfers" he is in the 10 per cent rate band.

As the donor is to pay the tax, the £2,000 has to be grossed up to £2,222 on which £222, 10 per cent CTT, is payable, leaving the intended net £2,000.

Alternatively the donor could give £2,222 and leave the son to meet the tax bill, resulting in the same net amount. But the circumstances could be quite different. The donor might wish to transfer to his son a particular asset, such as a house, or certain shares, regardless of the net value involved.

In such a case, there would be less CTT to pay at the time of the gift if the son were to bear the tax rather than father. Using the above figure gift comprised gilt edge ties (held for more t year, on no capital ga valued at £2,000, and could afford the tax, I would work out at £200 cent of £2,000) instead

The son thus rece shares and is £200 out of I know the son has b only to the extent of £1 but this may be irreleva main motive was to trar shares to the son. In i it may be that the son put into funds again b the exemptions.

Following my "Deemed domicile ma going harder", a reade "Can you please fill i more details for me al situation of someone v acquire foreign dom three years' time after ing this month say, t where no CTT exists?

"Would I be correct ing that at any time a three-year point, that would be able to give sums to his children resident in the United K without incurring any such gifts?

"Would it make an ence if the gifts were c in United Kingdom-bas panies or property in or gifts arising outside

Yes, it makes a great difference. After the th period, the emigrant c tainly have a foreign for CTT purposes. I caves him from the only on a gift of proper is situated outside the Kingdom—for example, in France, or shares re in a foreign company.

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The reader adds: " gifts were made bef three-year point has reached (thus incurrin would the donor be claim back the CTT he if, subsequently, he sam United Kingdom tax an that he has been d abroad for more tha years?"

No, there is no que backdating here. For cl me stress that only *foreign* based propert *after* the three year pe escape the CTT net.

A few weeks ago about the double taxat will arise where a gift to both the capital tra and capital gains tax. has written to point ou is even worse than this CGT taxes an inflated his words: "It looks to a swindle but perhaps misunderstood the posi

I wondered whether to the point at the writing that article—perennial complaint. F time now the Chance been under attack fi accountancy bodies an on the injustice of ta inflated, instead of t gain. A pity he has seen fit to introduce tion into our tax law.

If this were done a of anomalies would right. An obvious exan only one of many, is come limit for chil £115 if the parent is lose part or whole of t allowance. This has rem £115 since 1963.

The Chancellor is r the whole question o capital gains but I dou outcome on balance, i at all, will favour the t

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Pensions

Points to watch when you're 'topping up'

It became obvious, in the debate in Parliament on pay policy, that the effect on pension schemes is intended by the Government, and not just an oversight. There is still time for this decision to be changed, but until it is there will be no new schemes, and no improvements to existing schemes, other than those agreed before the White Paper or under discussion since before April 1, without the cost being counted against the £6 limit on increases.

There is little prospect of the lower paid worker being prepared to forgo any of his £6 rise to pay for a pension, but there will remain some interest on the part of employees who earn rather more in providing themselves with pensions or additional pensions at their own expense.

Senior executives in particular have always shown a willingness to finance part of their pensions by taking a cut in pay, partly no doubt because in many cases they have changed jobs at a relatively high age, and find their length of service inadequate to earn them enough pension to live on.

It could be argued that there will be rather less interest just now, in view of the big cut in living standards with which such people are faced. But I expect there will still be many who wish to make provision for their retirement, in the absence of any benefits—or adequate benefits—through their employer's scheme. Such considerations as the approach of retirement age, children becoming self-supporting, promotion or a change of employer may outweigh the general trend towards shortage of disposable resources.

There are several ways open to anyone wishing to provide for himself, some involving the cooperation of the employer and others completely within the employee's control.

The easiest way, if you already belong to a pension scheme, is to make an additional contribution to buy extra benefits under the scheme. A lot of pension schemes—although not all—allow this facility, providing whatever additional pension the additional employee's contribution buys, so that there is no extra cost to the scheme or the employer.

The big advantage from the employee's point of view is that he will qualify for full tax relief on the extra contribution. He will not be allowed to contribute more than 15 per cent of pay, including the normal pension scheme contributions, but this is sufficiently high to be irrelevant to most people.

There are, however, several points to watch. In the first place there is a lack of flexibility in that the extra contribution may not normally be discontinued and the benefits may be taken only in the form of additional benefits under the scheme. You cannot assign your benefits, or use them as security for your overdraft.

This may, or may not be important, depending on your personal circumstances and on the rules of the scheme. In some schemes, for example, there is no right to take a lump sum instead of or in addition to the pension. You could not, in such a case, take a lump sum as part of your additional benefits, but would have to take it all in pension form.

In other schemes, you may find that you already have the right to take the maximum allowed by the Inland Revenue in lump sum form so that any extra benefits you buy for yourself have to be in pension form.

Of course, this question of lump sums is far from the only consideration, but it is important because lump sums are tax free, whereas pensions are taxed as earned income.

Even if you want a pension it is still going to be more tax-efficient to take a lump sum and use it to buy an annuity—then you pay tax on only part of the annuity, although you may have to pay the investment surcharge if the amount you buy, or your other investment income, is large enough.

So as far as lump sum benefits are concerned, topping up one's pension arrangements best suits the member of a scheme which allows retiring pensioners to take a lump sum, but restricts it to a smaller amount than the maximum.

Another serious disadvantage—not always fully understood at the time a member decides to pay extra—is that provision by the member of extra benefits may reduce the scope for the employer to improve his benefits under the scheme.

Most schemes are reviewed from time to time and usually it is surprising how out-of-date they look. Fashions change in pensions, as in other things, and the level of benefits tends to improve slowly all the time.

If an increase in benefits under the scheme rules would bring a particular member's entitlement above the permitted maximum, because he has provided something extra out of his own pocket, he will not be allowed to have the full benefit. In effect, he will have paid for part of the benefit his employer would have been prepared to provide, and therefore gets nothing at all in exchange for part of his outlay.

This is not an unusual problem when scheme rules are being changed; it is surprising that the Inland Revenue does not allow voluntary benefits already purchased to be taken in addition to the normal scale of benefits—but then there is no logic or financial commonsense in having restrictions on taxable pension benefits at all.

The moral is to make sure that you are not near the pension maximum if you pay extra contributions on a voluntary basis.

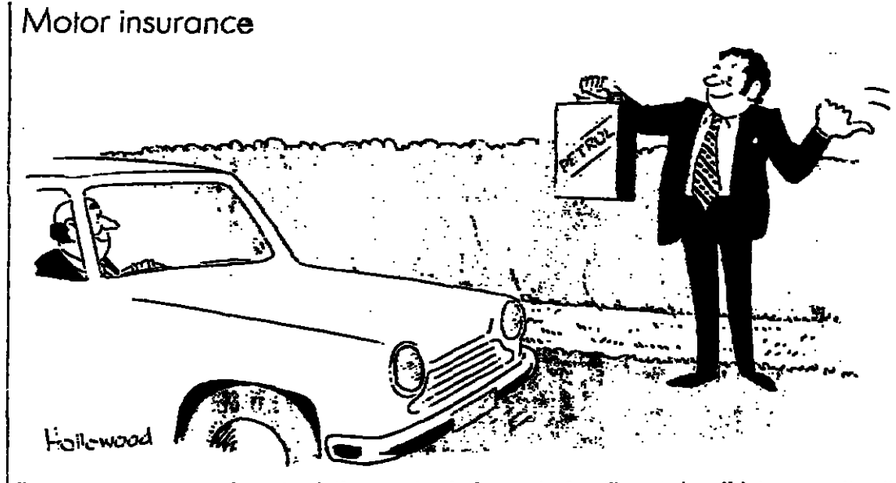
The final possible disadvantage is that the benefit provided by each £1 contribution is often left unchanged over long periods, and in times of high interest rates, such as we have now, you may not get good value for money.

This of course, varies from scheme to scheme; some have variable rates depending on investment conditions, and will not suffer this disadvantage: others may have updated their figures more recently. If we could draw another moral, it is to compare figures for more than one method.

I will turn in my next article to other possible ways of providing yourself with extra pension.

Eric Brunet

Motor insurance



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Risks in lending the car

It's easy enough to suggest to somebody that they should borrow your car for a quick journey; they may even be doing you a good turn by undertaking some fetching and carrying for you if, for one reason or another, you are otherwise engaged. But bear in mind the insurance aspect—for *even* the shortest journey.

First, does your policy extend to include other people driving with your permission, or are there restrictions? Sometimes insurers limit the driving to a short list of the people who you have said are most likely to drive. You may have seized the chance of earning a discount off the premium by agreeing to restrict the driving to two or three people (perhaps just yourself and your wife).

If your insurance contains this kind of restriction, it means what it says. There will be no cover under the policy while a "non-approved" driver is at the wheel.

You may suggest that somebody borrows your car at work, because there is some minor emergency, or perhaps to meet at the station a business associate who is coming to see you. Almost certainly in this event there will be no cover for the car to be used. Normally any cover while the car is being used on business is restricted to you as the policy holder.

In many cases, a person borrowing a car probably has his own car. After all, unless he was a regular driver, you might think twice about allowing him to drive your car!

In this event, even if there is no cover under your policy, he may not be breaking the law by being uninsured if he borrows your car.

This is because the third party section of his policy probably covers him while he is driving another car (which he does not own and which is not hired to him under a hire-purchase agreement). This means that there will be cover under *his* motor policy for *third party* claims, that is, claims made by others for personal injury or damage to property while he is at the wheel. But there will not be any cover at all for damage to your car.

Remember that this extension of another motorist's policy applies only to the actual policy holder. If one assumes that the husband is the policy holder in the case of most family-owned cars, it is he who will have this cover while driving your car. But his wife would not be able to claim under their policy. She therefore should not drive your car on the road if there is no cover for her under your policy.

If a wife wants this protection she and her husband might be able to have the policy in their joint names, so that either of them would count as the policyholder. Sometimes arrangements can be made for this extension to apply to others—whose names will have to be given to the insurers.

While that extension to another motorist's policy may appear helpful, it can be a positive drawback in certain circumstances. Take the case where you lend your car to somebody who happens to be a car owner, but there is full cover for him to drive under your policy. Unfortunately while driving he has an accident: he skids off the road into somebody's garden fence—damaging both the fence and your car.

Let us assume that the damage is so extensive that there is no question of meeting the cost from your own pocket so as to preserve your no-claim discount. You decide to claim on your policy for the cost of the repairs, and the owner of the damaged fence puts in a hefty claim for the cost of reinstating it.

Apart from any excess in your policy, the cost of the repairs to your car should be met without difficulty. If you had been at the wheel of the car, your insurers could also have met the claim made by the owner of the fence—although they might not have paid the asking figure. A certain amount of "negotiation" tends to enter into this kind of claim when it is submitted by a third party.

But of course you were not at the wheel. Instead, it was your friendly next door neighbour, running some errand for you, and using your car so that he should not incur any expense by driving his own.

Although, at the time of the accident his car was safely in its garage, it is likely that the claim made by the owner of the fence will have to be met by *his* motor policy, and it is *his* no-claim discount which will suffer at renewal and quite possibly at a subsequent renewal. Whether you would feel morally obliged to make good his loss of no-claim discount is a point on which I do not propose to comment.

So one accident can result in claims being made on two separate policies—your own, and your neighbour's—and two reductions in no-claim discount.

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Over the years insurance problems have arisen when a car owner has given a lift to one or more people, who have wanted to pay their share of the petrol. At one stage, that could invalidate a policy since there is no cover under a normal policy if the car is used for "hire or reward".

During rail strikes, bus strikes and the like, the objection to "petrol money" has been waived. Towards the end of 1973, with the threat of petrol rationing, once again motorists were allowed to accept "petrol money"—for a time. With petrol becoming increasingly expensive, technically a motorist again could have been in trouble by accepting any payment.

At long last the problem has been resolved—to the extent that member companies of the British Insurance Association and motor syndicates at Lloyd's have agreed that the acceptance of part of the cost of the petrol will not invalidate a policy.

But it is only the cost of *petrol* which may be shared in this way and not the other (ever-increasing) costs of running a car. Perhaps that will come in due course, as insurance premiums put up the cost of motoring still further! It would be logical.

John Drummond

Unit trust performance

UNIT TRUSTS: Medium and Income funds (progress this year and the past three years). Unitholder index: 1,466.5, rise from January 1, 1975: 46.4%.

Average change offer to bid, net income included, over past 12 months: +12.8%; over 3 years: −25.6%.

MEDIUM	A	B
Rowan Securities	29.9	—
Hill Samuel Cap	28.6	−30.3
Hill Samuel Sec	27.1	−28.6
Hill Samuel Brit	26.7	−33.3
Friends Provident	25.3	−33.8
British Life Bal	24.7	−15.7
Cabot F	23.9	−30.1
Marlborough	23.7	−8.3
Brown Shipley	22.6	−12.4
National West Gro	22.2	−19.9
Guardhill	22.0	−36.2
Unicorn General	21.7	−37.4
Schroder General	21.6	−41.0
Equity & Law	21.5	−28.9
Trades Union	21.2	−13.5
Buckingham	21.2	−13.6
Barclaytrust Invest	20.7	—
Friars House M	20.6	—
Lloyds Bank Sec	20.4	−30.4
British Life	18.8	−25.5
Quadrant F	18.8	—
TSB General	18.6	−34.3
Lloyds Bank First	18.1	−37.0
Shenley	17.8	—
M & G Trustee	17.6	−30.1
Colemco	17.3	—
Pearl Montagu	17.2	−36.2
Gartmore British	16.9	—
Merlin	16.7	−21.6
Prolific	16.4	−21.3
Wieler Growth F	16.4	—
Wickmoor	16.2	—
Mutual 'Blue Chip'	16.0	−31.8
Unicorn Capital	15.5	−37.5
Allied Capital	15.4	−22.3
Ulster Bank Growth	15.4	−30.1
National Consolid	14.5	−17.2
Canlife General	14.3	−23.2
L & C Unit Trust	14.2	−21.9
Mutual Security Plus	14.0	−33.0
Slater Walker Growth	14.0	−9.5
National D	13.7	−27.1
Pelican	13.6	−25.9
BIF Second	13.5	−27.6
Nelstar	13.4	−33.4
S & P General	13.4	−39.0
Unicorn Trustee	13.3	−42.5
Abacus Giants	13.2	−38.6
NPI Gro Acc F	13.2	−30.7
Lloyds Life M	12.7	—
National Hundred	12.6	−25.7
Legal & General	12.1	−30.0
Stronghold Priority	12.0	−40.7
Hambro Fund	11.8	−37.1
Allied First	11.5	−23.9
Allied Growth & Inc	11.5	−34.5
G and A	11.3	−33.9
Intel	11.1	−24.7
S & P Ebor Gen	11.1	−43.5
Kleinwort Benson F	10.6	−21.4
National Scot-Units	10.1	−29.9
Abbey General	10.0	−36.4
Unicorn '500'	9.7	−33.9
M & G Sec General	9.6	−20.3
Framlington Cap F	9.2	−33.2
Electrical & Ind	9.1	−32.3
Crescent Reserves	9.1	−41.8
M & G General	9.1	−23.2
Equitas	8.4	−42.4
Bishopsgate Prog F	8.3	−32.8
M & G Midland	8.3	−37.4
Sebag Capital	8.2	—
Archway Capital F	7.9	−36.9
Target Thistle	7.9	−37.5
Target Professional	7.4	−36.8
Capital Priority	6.9	−42.8
Carliol F	6.8	−27.8
Prudential	6.8	−40.3
Tyndall Canynge	6.7	−42.6
National Security	6.5	−32.4
National Century	6.4	−29.1
Clyde General	5.7	−36.6
Tyndall Capital	5.7	−41.8
Henderson Inc Assets	5.7	−23.9
Barbican	5.4	−41.1
S & P Scotshares	5.3	−35.2
Emblem Fund F	4.1	−46.6
Discretionary F	3.9	−33.2
Stewart British	3.3	—
National Domestic	1.9	−49.9
Key Private	0.1	−42.3
National Grp Prov	0.0	−42.9
Target Equity	−0.4	−43.5
National Comm	−1.0	−37.6
Target Consumer	−1.0	−47.9
National Sham	−1.1	−30.8
National Invs Sec	−1.8	−37.3
Slater Brit General	−2.9	−45.3
Ionian Growth F	−3.8	−49.3
Minster	−4.2	−47.4
Great Winch M	−4.5	−53.8
National Investors	−4.7	−45.8
Glen Fund	−6.5	−46.1
Oceanic General	−7.5	−54.5
Ariel	−7.6	−47.5
Jascot Sect Leads	−8.3	−44.4
Piccadilly Inc/Grow	−11.3	−33.8
Oceanic Growth	−13.8	−61.8
Private Portfolio	−15.3	−51.8
Family Fund	−16.6	−30.2
Cosmopolitan Gwth	−18.8	−66.5
Slater Brit Cap Gth	−19.3	−44.7
Portfolio Growth	−25.0	−57.1
INCOME		
Hill Samuel Income	28.9	−30.4
National West Inc	26.7	−27.2
Schroder Income F	23.7	−24.8
S & P Scotincome	22.8	−32.7
Archway Income F	20.4	−19.1
S & P Ebor St Ic F	20.0	−26.7
Unicorn Extra Inc	19.9	−21.2
S & P Income	19.6	−26.3
Lloyds Bank Third	18.7	−23.9
M & G Dividend	18.7	−19.4
Canlife Income	18.5	—
GT Income	18.1	—
S & P High Yield	17.0	−24.0
Trident Income	16.9	−32.6
Drayton Income	15.6	−22.4
Morgan Gren Income	15.1	−18.2
Abbey Income	14.4	—
Tyndall Natcom Inc F	14.4	−28.8
Unicorn Income	14.0	−32.7
Crescent High Dis	13.6	−27.5
Mutual Income	13.6	−26.3
Framlington Inc	13.4	−21.2
Clyde High Income	13.3	−16.5
M & G Extra Yield	13.2	—
Mutual High Yield	13.1	1.7
High Income Prior	12.8	−34.8
Lawson High Yield	12.7	—
S & P Scotyields	12.0	−29.1
P & M Income	11.5	−35.5
Gartmore High Inc	11.2	—
Brandts Income	11.1	−25.7
Sebag Income	10.7	—
Allied Equity Inc	10.6	−32.7
Hill Samuel High Yd	9.9	−31.9
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Allied High Income	9.0	−22.1
Slat Walk High Inc	9.0	−6.8
Hambro Income	8.4	−32.7
Henderson High Inc	7.3	−18.6
S & P Ebor High Ret	7.1	−26.2
New Court Income	7.0	—
Kev Income	6.2	−34.9
Target Income	1.7	−26.7
Slater Brit High Inc	0.0	—
Bridge Tall Income	−0.4	−25.8
Abacus Income	−2.7	−37.1
Piccadilly Ex Inc	−2.7	−24.7
Charterhouse Inc	−3.0	−36.0
M & G Conv Income	−3.5	—
British Life Div	−4.1	−36.0
Slater Brit Income	−5.8	−26.6
National High Inc	−6.6	−27.8
Oceanic High Inc	−8.5	−41.2
Merlin High Yield	−8.5	—
Slater Brit Ex Inc	−9.4	−30.1
Ionian Income M	−12.6	−34.9

A: Change over one year to bid, net income reinvested
B: Change over three years offer to bid, net income reinvested. Both taken to July 31, 1975.
M: Trust valued monthly
F: Trust valued every two weeks

Round-up

Commission conundrums • Abacus offshore

The cries of woe from insurance brokers who have been bitterly outspoken against the new commission rate structure announced this week by the Life Offices' Association do not inspire very much sympathy. Anyone who is complaining about the great loss of business the new rates will entail should probably be examining his conscience.

The big differences in commission between the old and new systems relate largely to whole-of-life non-profit business. As an example, a young man, aged 20, taking out a whole-of-life non-profit policy would earn the broker £272 in first year's commission; it will be £60 under the new system.

Arguably, the last thing a young man, aged 20, wants or needs is whole-of-life non-profit. He could get masses of term protection for much lower cost and pay the difference into an endowment policy where he could look forward to some return.

And incidentally, the life offices' own consciences need some examination. Whole-of-life non-profit has been very valuable for them, too, and they haven't complained at over-selling of these policies or, in some cases, stopped insisting upon their use for backing a mortgage.

The brokers do have a case, however, when it comes to the question of whether there should be a differential (ie, greater commission) for full-time professional brokers as opposed to the solicitors, accountants or even garage hands who act as agents and can claim the same rate of payment.

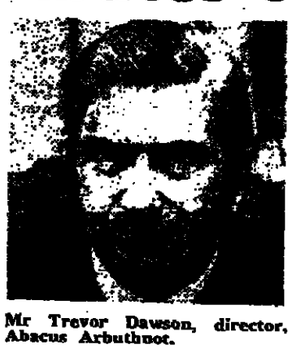
This argument for privileged treatment is going to become even more cogent when the brokers get around to putting their own house in order and devise some form of controls on membership of the profession.

The LOA has also come out with the view that the new commission structure is unlikely to mean increases in surrender values or rate reduction. This proposition certainly needs further examination because, going back to the original example, the life office is saving some £212 in the first year of that policy which will begin paying its way that year instead of at the end of the third year as under the old system.

Mr John Methven, the Director General of Fair Trading, is right to call upon the insurance industry to look at surrender values again.

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Merchant banker Arbuthnot Latham is determined to develop its activities in the managed funds industry. Within weeks of its latest acquisition, the Jascot stable of unit trusts, its unit trust company, Abacus Arbuthnot, has now launched into offshore waters.



Mr Trevor Dawson, director, Abacus Arbuthnot.

In partnership with I West Investment Trust formed a new Channel based trust company, and International, in w stake is 75 per cent.

Mr Trevor Dawson, of Arbuthnot, has con strongly in favour of America and Japan as vestment areas.

The portfolio will init spread in North Amer per cent), Japan (30 pe Europe (15 per cent) an kong (10 per cent), w remaining 15 per cent between United Kingdo panies with overseas i and Pacific Basin share

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FINANCIAL NEWS AND MARKET REPORTS

Investor's week

New 'tap' • Blues at Manganese Bronze

The announcement of a new long "tap" stock yesterday seems to confirm the market view that another rise in United Kingdom interest rates is now unlikely. Dealers were not entirely convinced that the stock would be taken up as readily as the other recent government issues, but agreed that it would keep the institutions' minds concentrated on the gilt-edged market for a further period.

Equities have survived a tricky week, which brought disappointing results from Barclays, Reed International, Bass, and De La Rue, without too much obvious damage. But the slump in turnover has implications both for share prices and for the financial health of some of the smaller broking firms.

Some "chartists" are predicting a fall in equities. But the leading institutional investors have been unwilling to allow prices to slide too far before coming in to nibble at stock.

The decision to put Norton Villiers Limited at Wolverhampton into liquidation appears to offer no quick or clean-cut solution to the protracted problems of its parent, Norton Villiers Triumph. Nor, unfortunately, is it likely to lift the depression centred on the shares of Manganese Bronze Holdings, which holds 49.9 per cent of the NVT equity.

As Mr Varley has said, "no more government cash for NVT"—and as funds are highly unlikely to be forthcoming from any other source—Norton Villiers Ltd directors have to put that company into liquidation to avoid the risk of trading while insolvent.

How quickly that liquidation takes effect, however, depends on whether or not the workers decide to adopt a militant sit-in (à la Meriden cooperative) and it seems that they might even get NVT management support if they did. The reason is that NVT claims that a fairly "small" further injection of public funds—say around £5m—might have kept NVT going on a two-factory basis.

The best that can be hoped for, if NVT is to stay afloat, is for some fairly drastic cost-cutting after the liquidation, though the unions' price for agreeing to a smooth liquidation might be the maintenance of a high level of employment.

Meanwhile, Manganese Bronze looks likely to write its £2m investment down again, and this time to nil. That would be a sizable chunk out of MBH's £5.7m capital and reserves, which were already matched by borrowing of around £5m in the last accounts.

MBH shares closed unchanged last night at 6p and they are unlikely to make any headway until the impact of the NVT write-off and the general engineering group's own trading prospects are quantified.

Bill Taylor has a flutter in property

His friends think he is mad, and say so. The market agrees with them and points out less risky situations such as Town & City or a number of property company convertible loan stocks.

But Bill Taylor is obdurate, motivated in part by his own interpretation of the market saw that the third time you hear that a share is cheap, you sell; so, reversing this philosophy, Bill thinks that if a share is subjected to frequent bear raids, the time would soon come when the technical reaction would be quick and profitable.

Knowing that Capital & Counties Property Co is probably one of the more exposed of the major companies, Bill realizes that any investment is fraught with risks, but he also reckons that within the next three months he might also make a killing. And inveterate gambler that he is, it is this thought that attracts him.

He also believes he has hit a winning streak. His pony on Grundy in the King George VI and Queen Elizabeth Stakes at Ascot a week ago vindicated to the tune of £100 profit his policy of double or quits.

He is the first to admit the fact that Capital & Counties has postponed its results for the year to March by a couple of months until September does have an ominous ring. It does seem to confirm, at the very least, market fears that there will be no final dividend—the interim was passed in January.

The group's problems are well known. At the end of March, 1974, the current development programme was estimated at £292m gross, of which £135m had been spent. The net cost attributable to the group was £158m after allowing for the expenditure attributable to partners, chiefly overseas and including the Crown Agents in Australia.

Total borrowings amounted to £243m, of which £88m net were short term, including £34m of overdrafts and another £10m repayable by March this year. At that time net assets were stated on a fully diluted basis at 148p a share. Then followed the collapse of the property market.

Bill thinks that net asset value now may be around 90p a share, with liquidity now in an improving trend after £9m of sales in the first half of 1974-75 and further disposals realizing a similar amount more recently. But he will be surprised if there are any profits for the year to March, 1975—stripping out the £41m of capitalized development expenditure in the first half left a loss of £2.3m and there was the warning that the closing six months would be even worse.

Capital & Counties now looks like an exercise in survival. The support Bill is banking on the unwillingness of the powers-that-be to let a major property company slide into oblivion.

The key to the situation probably lies in a capital reconstruction and the role to be adopted by Union Corporation with 24½ per cent of the equity and three directors on the board.

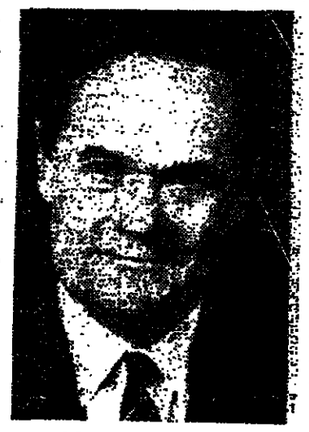
Rumours abound. But Bill is gritting his teeth and will phone his broker on Monday to place an order to buy 3,000 shares at around 15p. As for payment, he is fed up with Allied Irish Bank; they have done nothing and seem unlikely to perform to any extent over the next few months. The holding of 500 shares goes on Monday.

As for the rest of the portfolio, Bill has taken a 6p a share net loss on his speculation in the Bowater rights issue, having bought at 22½p (nil paid) and sold at 17½p just before the call was due. This deficit is included in the realized profits to date.

On reflection, he is not that displeased with J. B. Eastwood, whose preliminary figures were announced on Thursday. That second half profits here were down both on the company's and his own expectation is countered now by the forecast of satisfactory profits for the current year with poultry prices still on the mend.

Reckitt & Colman remains satisfactory, while Unisel owes its setback to the decline in the dollar premium. Assuming the normal seasonal resurgence in the gold price takes place this autumn, then this holding should maintain its appeal.

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Sir Richard Thompson, chairman of Capital and Counties

BILL TAYLOR'S PORTFOLIO: PROGRESS SO FAR

Purchase	Quantity	Date	Buying price	Present price	Profit (loss)
Unisel	500	17/2/75	295p	275p	(£152)
Reckitt & Colman	200	14/4/75	252p	295p	£68
B. Eastwood	2,000	12/5/75	51p	42p	(£215)
Allied Irish	500	9/6/75	112p	112p	(£19)
					(£318)
		Realized			£1,026
					£708

Stock markets

Long gilts firm ahead of new 'tap' stock

The stock market scene was dominated yesterday by the gilt-edged section. Government securities were moving higher during the session, which ended with the announcement of a new tap stock for the long end. In the equity market, turnover was so thin that dealers were left to discuss the progress of the Test match—which was certainly more lively than the share market.

Bargains marked on the London trading floor fell to a well-nigh unbelievable 2,793. "Hardly worth paying the rail fare to Town", said one dejected broker.

The announcement of a new long-dated "tap" stock, to be called Treasury 12¾ per cent 1992, was the main feature in the gilt-edged market. With a gross redemption yield of 13.59 per cent it will be slightly above the market and the terms of the issue encouraged good buying in "longs" after hours but the movement was hardly noticeable.

Shares in Debenhams close unchanged at 65p, after some 200,000 shares had been put through the market. Debenhams have out performed the rest of the sector over the past week.

After a fairly quiet morning which saw prices rise by ½ point or so, the longer end became very busy in the late afternoon. The terms of the new "tap" stock spurred a further ½ point rise generally and many stocks showed rises of 1 point on the day.

There were no new surprises for the equity market. Major stocks remained unsettled behind the range of disappointing statements from Reed Int, Bats, De La Rue and the banks. Selling was very light, and many prices were hardly tested. After drifting down to 466.2, the *FT* index rallied to close a net 0.5 off at 282.8. The late rally, based on bear closing, was helped by the bullish reception in the gilt edged market to the terms of the new tap stock.

It seems unlikely that equities will develop any fresh trend in the near future. With gilts now seeking a further £600m of institutional money, and rights issues at a temporary halt, interest in equities must remain light.

Against this, it must be said that share prices rarely fall for more than one day without finding some kind of support. A notable example this week has been BP, whose shares dipped a further 7p to 465p yesterday. Shares in BP have been very unhappy this week, following rumours that the Bank would sell the Burmah holding, a tightening of Middle East tension, a military coup in Nigeria and the disclosure that tankers were for sale. But selling of BP has not been heavy, and lines of stock have been taken up.

Shell, whose second quarter trading figures provide one of the few points of interest next week, have also stood up well. They closed last night with a minor fall of 2p to 282p.

Reed International recovered by 2p to 184p after Thursday's fall on the interim figures. Although the figures were worse than market expectations, the City takes the view that there is no basis for switching into Bowater (which eased to 134p).

Bats (283p) also slipped back with the rest of the market, as well as in a further response to the trading result disclosed earlier this week. ICI shed 1p to 246p after 245p, Unilever were 2p off at 320p, Beecham 2p down at 265p and Glaxo Holdings 3p down at 335p.

The prolonged summer weather brought out a few old takeover favourites. Furness Withy spurred up to 238p (later 232p, a net 8p higher) on the hope that Eurocanadian Holdings will make a move soon.

Shares in A. Guinness touched 111p after a re-run of the story that Unilever might be interested. But sources close to Unilever were describing the rumours as "nonsense" last night. "We know nothing about this at all", commented the company spokesman. Another takeover favourite was Maidenhead Investments—but 26 per cent of the equity is held by Alliance Property.

Heavy engineers ended one penny or so lower. Falls in electrical engineering issues, on suggestions that the Post Office is cutting back on orders, were stemmed.

Store shares looked steadier after a week of falling prices. Marks & Spencer were unchanged at 93p, and Boots a shade firmer at 98p.

Other features included Royal Worcester, 5p off at 102p after results accompanied by a £1m rights issue. Lamson Industries weakened on the cut in profits.

Bank shares were badly hit by the market's considered response to the interim trading statements issued this week. City investors decided that there was "nothing to go for" in bank shares just now, and the outcome was falls of 5p to 7p in Barclays (235p), Lloyds (178p) and National Westminster Bank (178p).

Insurances were slack. Except for speculative buying of Churchbury Estates, little stirred on the property share pitch. In mines, gold shares steadied but made no recovery from the falls of the past week. Equity turnover on Thursday was worth £48.3m (9,303 bargains). Active stocks yesterday, according to Exchange Telegraph, were Shell, ICI, BP, Davy Int new, Midland Bank, Barclays Bank, Consolidated Goldfields, Reed Int, Metal Box, and Marks & Spencer.

Shares in office machinery companies were marked lower following poor trading figures from Lamson Industries. But selling was minimal and Gestetner and Ozalid recovered before the close from the session.

Latest dividends

Company (and par values)	Ord div	Year ago	Pay date	Year's total	Prev year
Bowater Corp (£1) Int	2.5‡	2.5	5/11	7.1§	7.1
CCH Inds (25p) Fin	Nil	2	—	Nil	3.4
J. & J. Dyson (25p) Fin	1.67	1.67	1/10	2.93	2.93
Hamersley (25c) Int	4*	3*	6/10	—	7*
Ldn Sumatra (10p)	1.1	1.03	—	1.1	1.03
Lynton Hldgs (20p) Fin	1	0.9	8/9	1.9	1.8
Midland Trust (25p) Fin	1.61	1.5	18/9	2.68	2.5
Mining Supplies (10p) Fin	2	0.7	9/9	2	0.7
Norfolk Capital (5p) Fin	0.2	0.61	3/10	0.2	0.87
Prop Secs Inv (50p) Fin	1.09	1.09	—	1.54	1.54†
Royal Worcs (25p) Int	1.95	1.15	2/1	5.2	3.73
Scots United (25p) Int	0.45	0.4†	—	1.44§	1.39†
Walsham's (25p) Fin	1.57	1.05	—	2.62	1.92

Dividends in this table are shown net of tax in pence per share. Elsewhere in Business News dividends are shown on a gross basis. To establish gross, multiply the net dividend by 1.54. *Cents a share. † Adjusted for scrip. ‡ As forecast. § Forecast.

J & J Dyson growth slows down but forecast is still beaten

The hopes of J. & J. Dyson, the Sheffield-based refractory materials group, were somewhat muted at half-time following a 50 per cent profit advance on a 9 per cent rise in turnover. Though the growth rate slowed down in the second half, pre-tax profits for the year to March 31 did climb 28 per cent to £1.33m. This modestly exceeded expectations in March of a 15 per cent overall rise to £1.2m. Turnover for the period rose 10.7 per cent to £19.7m.

Net profits moved from £691,000 to £826,000 and earnings a share from 5.1p to 6.1. The dividend is unchanged at 4.37p. Generally, expansion overseas mitigated tighter profit margins at home. Dyson's peak profits were £1.89m before tax in 1970-71.

The background to trading in the year just past was pressure on margins from rising costs and controlled selling prices. Economies were made wherever possible, both in production and administration.

$A2m rescue chance for Patrick Partners

A solution may still be found to the problem of Patrick Partners, the stockbrokers put into receivership a week ago, Mr J. Jamison trustee for the firm, told a press conference. The company was the biggest stockbroker involved in the Australian mining boom.

Mr Jamison gave no details but said there was a chance that a $A2m (£1.25m) operation could rescue the company, which has three weeks to find a solution before a creditors meeting set for August 22.

Lynton Holdings

Including a profit on completed properties of £553,000 against £565,000 and £1.35m compared with £1.23m from sale of interests in an associate and properties, Lynton Holdings increased pre-tax profits 4 per cent to £1.93m in the year to March 25. Total rents received stood at £1.67m against £1.48m.

The total dividend goes up from 2.62p to 2.88p. The directors consider the value of properties continues to be "materially in excess" of book values. But the shares went easier after the figures.

Watsham's 96pc leap

Virtually doubled pre-tax profits of £204,000 have been returned for the six months to March 31 by Watsham's designer, supplier and erector of electrical and structural steelwork. Second-half profits went up from £68,000 to £120,000. Turnover is £2.72m, against £2.24m. The dividend goes up from 2.81p to 3.97p gross.

Norfolk capital

Struck after adding extraordinary items, the net profit of Norfolk Capital Group for the 12 months to September 30, 1974 came out at £198,000 against £117,000. But the dividend is sliced from 1.28p to 0.31p. The item is an extraordinary credit of £321,000 against a debit of £50,000, and is after providing £196,000 against £5,000 for a fall in quoted investments. There is also a tax credit of some £29,000 against a debit of £174,000. Turnover rose from £4.3m to £5m.

Estates & Gen poll recount

A poll of shareholders in Estates & General Investments on the County & Suburban acquisition was so close that Touche Ross, the company's auditors who are acting as scrutineers, say a recount is needed with a further review of all votes.

At an extraordinary meeting on Wednesday a resolution approving the purchase was defeated on a show of hands and a poll was demanded. The result was expected yesterday. The company's solicitors say a legal opinion will have to be sought on the treatment of certain proxies.

The result of the poll will be announced as soon as possible.

£2m of special credits give 'Propsit' surplus

After interest charges up from £2.9m to £3.25m and higher expenses Property Security Investment Trust saw its pre-tax loss up from £1.07m to £1.43m in the year to March 31.

But property and investment sales as well as investment income and dealing profits yielded a special credit of £1.95m. So there was a net surplus of £508,000 against a loss of £424,000.

For £73,000 in shares certain minority stakes in subsidiaries have been bought from Brown Shipley. The total dividend is 2.35p (2.32p adjusted), this being the same net.

Forminster sprints

Ladies clothing group Forminster is still going strong after its 48 per cent profits gain in 1973-74. In the year to April 30 turnover rose 51 per cent to £7.3m, and pre-tax profits by 30 per cent to a new peak of £653,000. The net profit went up from £235,000 to £309,000. Earnings a share came out at 13.76p against 11.2p, and the total dividend rises from 4.72p to 5.19p. Waivers have been made by directors to the 2.8575p final on 1.2m shares.

K. O. Boardman

Reporting pre-tax profits down from £1.5m to £1.07m for the year to March 31 K. O. Boardman International, the clothing manufacturer and importer, says sales in the current year are down. Trading is still tough. A provision of £161,000 has been made against investments in Portugal. The net dividend is the same again, implying a rise at the gross level from 1.17p a share to 1.21p.

Clifford-Evered deal called off

Thanks to the depression in metals and uncertainty over the timing of recovery the merger between Charles Clifford Industries, and Evered has been called off.

The two boards believe the interests of both sets of shareholders and employees would be best served if the companies continued to trade independently and the Takeover Panel has agreed to the withdrawal of Clifford's bid.

Evered's agreement to sell its industrial products business to Francis Industries is conditional on the Clifford deal being completed, and as such Evered is re-examining its agreement with Francis.

Granada terms for Barranquilla

Terms of the foreshadowed offer by Granada Group for the remainder of Barranquilla Investments place a market value of some £26.4m on the Barranquilla equity. They are 68 Granada "A" ordinary for each Barranquilla.

Granada holds some 64.3 per cent of this quoted property offshoot, whose shares were suspended in May on news of the intended bid. Pearl Assurance holds a further 25.1 per cent.

New broker chairman is Mr Lewis Altman

Stockbrokers Lewis Altman & Company and Sandelson & Company plan to merge from September 20, subject to the consent of the council.

The new firm, to be called Lewis Altman, Sandelson will be an unlimited liability member of the SE with a capital of £1m. The existing directors of both companies will form the board of the combined group with Mr Lewis Altman as chairman and Mr A. Knapp deputy chairman. It has been known for some time that the two were merging.

Lornex scrapes home

There are few surprises in the results for the first six months from Lornex Mining, the British Columbia associate of Rio Tinto-Zinc. Operating profits have slumped from SC36.9m to $9.10m and net earnings from $21.07m to $662,000. The sole consolation is that earnings in the second quarter amounted to 7c a share compared with the 1c of the first three months—altogether in a different league from the $2.56 of the opening half of 1974.

UK, Bermuda hotel losses dampen CCH hopes

By Ashley Druker

Apparently faring better after a gloomy opening seven months, only the benefit of extraordinary profits amounting to £406,000 against nil kept the full-time loss of CCH Investments to £53,000 before tax for the year to March 31. This compares with one of £40,000 for the preceding 17 months before. The board's intention last January to pay a same-again final of 3.5p had also been negatived with a nil payment for the 12 months. Turnover amounted to £4.76m against £8.04m for the 17 months (and £5.61m on a yearly basis).

Against expectations of a distinct improvement in the second-half, exceptionally high losses were incurred in the United Kingdom and the Bermudan hotels. Subsequently, disposals of hotels eliminated these losses at home for the future, and is also significantly reducing finance charges. On the brighter side, the board reports the rest of the group is progressing well, and it looks to a return to profits in the present year.

For the past year (against 17 months) a breakdown of turnover shows that UK hotels turned in £1.38m (£1.4m) and Bermuda hotels £535,000 (£611,000), brewery and inns £1.84m (£2.48m), construction £879,000 (£2m), and sundries £130,000 (£1.55m). Divisional profits were UK hotels £57,000 (£280,000), Bermuda hotels £19,000 (£45,000), brewery and inns £230,000 (£182,000), construction £47,000 (£272,000), associates (travel) £146,000 (£21,000), while investments brought in nil against £181,000.

Insurance

With profits and risks

your insurance company gives financial helping hand to nother in difficulties, who ys? Who pays when guaran- es attached to newer kinds policies have to be met or ses elsewhere absorbed? It the with-profits policyholder, is the traditional prerogative the with-profits policyholder at when there are extra picks to be had he benefits, but also carries the risk if things wrong.

Despite all the difficulties on investment side, it is still reasonable to assume that, over reasonable period, a profit-aring life policy with an office hich has a good bonus record ill give better value for money an a non-profit policy.

The profits which are distributed in the form of bonuses to use with profit-sharing policies not come solely from investments. Apart from a higher rate interest being earned than is assumed in the actuary's culations, and capital appreciation, there are other contributions to bonuses.

First, there is the bonus loading". This is the additional premium which is payble for a profit-sharing policy quoted to a non-profit policy th the same sum assured. This extra premium (which often considerable) is paid for e privilege of sharing in the mpany's profits. In the nor- l course of events, it is paid ck together with profits from her sources, to the with-profit olicy holders. But the profit-aring policies have no right this extra premium. If losses being made on other busi- s, it can be diverted there.

Modest profits may be made m "mortality"—that is, olicyholders with the company ing later than expected when premiums were calculated. spite the increases in medical owledge, there has been no lly significant improvement mortality, overall, in recent rs. Admittedly, some people living longer, but we still e cancer, heart disease, and on. And deaths among the young in road accidents can e a significant effect on atistics.

In the past, profits could be ade from expenses proving to lower than allowed for by actuary. Now, of course, re expenses are much higher than expected when business was put on the books in the past.

Many companies are trying to overcome this difficulty by including realistic initial expense loadings in premiums for new business. For that to work, there must be a really high level of new business. Certainly, one cannot expect profits from that quarter. At best, one must hope that running expenses do not make deep inroads into what, otherwise, would have been bonuses for profit-sharing policyholders.

Apart from traditional non-profit sharing policyholders, many companies issue other forms of contract. As an example, there are the unit-linked policies which were so popular a few years ago, but which have somewhat fallen from grace.

Here, profits earned by the office (although they may not amount to much) probably will go to the profit-sharing policyholders. In the case of a mutual office, all the distributable profits are paid out in this way. A few offices give quite high guaranteed maturity values with their unit-linked policies.

Whether the profits earned by the unit-linked business justify this risk by the profit-sharing policyholders is debatable—bearing in mind that, in any event, the investment position overall may not be too good if guarantee payments are having to be made.

The same kind of argument applies to the "flexible" policies on the market which can be surrendered for guaranteed cash sums, plus bonuses, at any time after they have been in force for 10 years.

Premiums are increased for this type of policy, compared to a policy where the surrender value depends on investment conditions at the time. Some offices are charging an extra 4 per cent or so. But there is no means of proving in advance whether that figure will prove to be correct.

If, in the event, a profit can be made from this loading, it will come back to the policyholders themselves (and the other profit-sharing policyholders) as part of the bonuses. If, however, there are huge surrenders at awkward moments for the office, the whole body of profit-sharing policyholders will suffer.

It may seem as though policies linked to a specific property fund are quite separate from traditional profit-sharing policies. But those with the latter type of policy may be involved.

Sometimes, when an old-established company has started a property fund, it has transferred property from the main life fund. With the best will in the world, and the presence, often, of an independent valuer, it is not always possible to arrive at a price which is fair to both sides when there is no open market sale.

If it is a property not considered to have good prospects the profit-sharing policyholders could score. But they would see if property with particularly good potential is chosen, so as to help the future track record of the property fund.

There are some property funds where liquidity is a low level. If cash is needed to meet surrenders, this will be forthcoming from the main life fund. But, to some extent, the profit-sharing policyholders suffer unless a fee is paid by the property fund for this stand-by facility.

As life offices branch out, and introduce new policies and offer new types of guarantee, to a great extent it is the with-profit policyholders who are taking the risk because it is their bonuses which will be affected if the life fund has to make payments to meet guarantees, and so on.

If a company pays out for any reason (including rescuing other offices or their policyholders), it is the profit-sharing policyholder who, ultimately, policyholder who, ultimately, meet all or part of the cost. Probably few who took out profit-sharing policies in the past say what might be involved.

I just hope that the profits earned from these other activities in good times justify the risk which is being shouldered. So far, profit-sharing policyholders have little about which to complain, but many of these policies and guarantees have been running for no more than a comparatively short time.

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SOUTH AFRICAN BOARD MILLS LIMITED

("SABM")

(Incorporated in the Republic of South Africa)

Notice is given that, in terms of an Order dated 25th July 1975, the Supreme Court of South Africa (Durban and Coast Local Division) has directed that a meeting be convened of the holders (other than Anglo American Industrial Corporation Limited, Stafford Mayer Company South Africa Limited and their respective nominees) of the ordinary shares allotted by SABM, to consider and, if deemed fit, agree, with or without modification, to a Scheme of Arrangement ("the Scheme") between SABM and those shareholders and that meeting will be held at SABM's registered office, 24 Beach Grove, Durban, at 14h30 on 26th August 1975.

A copy of the Scheme and the explanatory statement in terms of Section 312 (1) of the Companies Act, No. 61 of 1973 (as amended) of the Republic of South Africa are included in the folder which has been sent to all the ordinary shareholders concerned.

Each registered holder of SABM's ordinary shares concerned may vote in person at that meeting or may appoint one or more proxies (none of whom need be a member of SABM) to attend and speak and vote at that meeting in place of that shareholder. If more than one proxy is appointed on a single proxy form, then only one of those proxies (in the order of appointment) will be entitled to exercise that proxy. In the case of joint shareholders, the vote of the senior (for that purpose seniority will be determined by the order in which the names of those shareholders appear in SABM's register of the holders of its ordinary shares) who tenders a vote (whether in person or by proxy) will be accepted to the exclusion of the vote(s) of the other joint holders of SABM's ordinary shares. The required form of proxy has been sent to all the ordinary shareholders. The chairman of that meeting may approve, in his discretion, the use of any other proxy.

Properly completed proxies must be :

(1) lodged at SABM's registered office which is 24 Beach Grove, Durban, 4000 (or posted to P.O. Box 1381, Durban, 4000, to be received) by not later than 13h30 on 26th August 1975; or

(2) lodged at the office of SABM's London transfer secretaries which is at Clark, Pixley and Company, 6 Eldon Street, London EC2M 7LY, England (or be posted to that address to be received) by not later than 12 noon on 25th August 1975; or

(3) may be handed to the chairman of the meeting not later than 10 minutes before it is due to commence.

In terms of that Order of Court, a partner in the firm of Hayman, Godfrey and Sanderson (nominated by it for that purpose):

(a) will act as the chairman of the meeting;

(b) will determine the form of proxy to be sent by SABM to the holders of its ordinary shares concerned;

(c) will determine whether any other form of proxy submitted for use at the meeting be accepted;

(d) will appoint scrutineers for the purpose of the meeting;

(e) will be entitled, if he considers it necessary to do so, to adjourn the meeting from time to time;

(f) will determine the procedure to be followed at the meeting.

The Scheme is subject to the conditions stated in it and to it being sanctioned by the Supreme Court of South Africa (Durban and Coast Local Division) which may modify it or impose such conditions thereto as that Court deems fit and which are agreed to by SABM and Anglo American Industrial Corporation Limited.

A copy of this notice, the form of proxy to be used at the above-mentioned meeting, the Scheme and the explanatory statement thereto (all of which are included in one folder) may be obtained from :

(i) SABM at its said registered office;
or
(ii) SABM's said London transfer secretaries.

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Per P. C. Du Toit
Secretaries and Transfer Secretaries
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30th July, 1975

SOUTH AFRICAN BOARD MILLS LIMITED

(Incorporated in the Republic of South Africa)

The register of members of South African Board Mills Limited will be closed from 22nd August 1975 to 26th August 1975, both days inclusive, for the purposes of the general meeting of the company to be held on 26th August 1975.

BOLTON TEXTILE MILL

Company has sold its leasehold interest in premises in Clerkenwell Road, London, EC1, for £250,000 and has acquired premises at 23-28 Charterhouse Square, London, EC1, for £705,000.

J. JARVIS

Turnover for year to March 31, £13.1m (£13m), pre-tax profit £456,500 (£525,000). Dividends are up from 6.7p to 7.1p.

LONDON SUMATRA PLANTS

Pre-tax revenue for 1974, £333,000 (£792,000) on turnover £11.89m (£5.83m). Dividend is 1.69p (1.54p). Earnings a share 1.71p (2.48p).

TEXTURED JERSEY

Net profit for year ended April 30, 1975 £34,000 against loss of £224,000 for 1974, on turnover of £5.64m (£4.26m).

HANOVER GRAND

Mr J. Grand has acquired a further 130,000 shares in the company.

AMERICAN BRANDS

First half net profit of $62.88m against $63.08m on sales up from $1,648.77m to $1,957.6m.

US STEEL

Second quarter net profit $129.1m ($160.3m on sales of $2,074.1m against $2,417.8m. Half year net profits $311.2m against $249.8m.

AVIS INCORPORATED

Sales for half year up 5.2 per cent to $188.19m. Profit is more than 100 per cent up at $3.19m against $1.48m.

WILLIAM RANSOM

Dividend for year to March 31, 3.35p (3.19p). Turnover, £1.54m (£1.01m). Pre-tax profit, £310,000 (£199,500).

ECONA

Sales for year to March 31, £4.4m (£4.37m). Pre-tax profit, £299,000 (£404,000). Dividend is raised from 2.37p to 2.60p.

JAMES WARREN

Board has sold its 31.01 per cent stake in Warren Tea Holdings to institutions in United Kingdom for £635,000. Money will help to reduce group borrowings.

FREDERICK COOPER

Turnover for year to March 31, £7.6m (£6.3m), pre-tax profit, £269,000 (£423,000). Dividend is 1.61p (1.54p).

VISCOSE DEVELOPMENT

No interim (1.56p). Turnover, £2.7m (£2.6m). Net profit, £32,500 (£143,000).

BRAITHWAITE ENGINEERS

For year to March 31 pre-tax £419,000 (£327,000) from turnover 6.8m (£4.9m). Total dividend 6.37p (6.01p) net.

IBSTOCK BUILDING PRODUCTS

Company has sold whole of share capital of its non-trading subsidiary, Barleyale, to Pilkington Bros for £474,320.

FINANCIAL NEWS AND MARKET REPORTS

Issues & Loans.

Cool reception to issue from Royal Worcester

Royal Worcester is breaking through dividend curbs like Groda, and Hanson Trust before it, on the back of a rights issue. But yesterday's details left the market cold, and the shares fell 8p to 100p.

Early last month the board said that it planned a £1m issue, but it warned shareholders that interim pre-tax profits might be as much as 33 per cent down to £675,000. In the event, it made £688,000 against a record £1m, in the six months to June 30, and the rights issue is going ahead.

The basis will be one-for-four with 1.32m shares being issued at 78p. The £975,000 so raised will be used for capital investment.

Terms of one share for every £6.34 of 9 per cent loan stock are also being offered. The issue is to be underwritten, and dealings should start on Tuesday.

Meanwhile, turnover for the first half is up from £7.8m to £8.9m. Earnings a share come out at 7p, against 10.4p. The actual interim dividend increase is from 1.15p net to 1.95p or up from 1.71p to 3p gross.

D. LANCASTER

Board proposes one-for-one rights issue at 5p to provide funds for purchase of a paper recycling company. Pre-tax profits for half year to January 10, £8,000 (£11,000). Again no interim.

Brokers' views

Brewery shares have been discussed by stockbrokers for some time. Many sources think that beer sales will hold up better than other consumer areas during recession.

But among the opponents of this line of thought is broker de Zoete & Bevan, who has just updated its review of the sector in the light of the latest statistics on consumer spending. The present run of good summer weather should help those major brewers with September year ends, thinks de Zoete. But the Central Statistical Office figures for the second quarter disclose a "particularly large" reduction in drink spending.

De Zoete looks closely at Whitbread shares, which it rates as a "hold". It likes the 8.3 per cent yield but would prefer the convertible stock for income. For the current year, de Zoete expects profits of about £23.5m or 9 per cent better. But it says that a rights issue was "clearly signalled" in the annual report.

Beardsley Bishop urges clients to sell shares in Laporte Industries (Holdings). Demand for Laporte's products has fallen, says Beardsley, which fears that the group will be unable to find an adequate source of future profits growth. For this year, Laporte's profits could be 37 per cent down at £6m, the broker estimates. And the assumption of a 22 per cent stake by Solvay rules out a bid.

Any remaining holders of shares in BLMC which are non assented to the Scheme of Arrangement are strongly advised by Williams de Broe Hill Chaplin to sell them in the market while the "vestiges of a commercial price remain".

The advice comes in de Broe's latest survey of motor and component shares. A recommendation of interest is Dunlop, which have fallen smartly over the past month on the continuing bad news from the United Kingdom motor industry. De Broe backs Dunlop shares for yield, and its belief that the institutional support lost when the dividend was cut will be recovered.

Shares in Macarthy's Pharmaceuticals did well last week after the disclosure of an 11 per cent increase in pretax profits for the year. De Broe recommends further purchases. For 1975-76, de Broe predicts a 28 per cent rise in profits.

Crest Nicholson, whose trading interests range from housebuilding to leisure activities, has returned to a policy of seeking to increase profits rapidly, says Buckmaster-Moore. At present levels, the firm regards the shares as "cheap". But it takes a more cautious view of prospects at Howard Machinery, the manufacturer of agricultural equipment.

Terry Byland

Bank Base Rates

Barclays Bank ..	9½%
C. Hoare & Co. ..	*9½%
Lloyds Bank	9½%
Midland Bank	9½%
Nat Westminster ..	9½%
Shenley Trust	11½%
20th Century Bank	11½%
Williams & Glyn's	9½%

* 7-day deposits on sums of £10,000 and under, 6¼%, up to £25,000, 6¾%, over £25,000, 7¼%.

Foreign Exchange

Sterling held steady yesterday. The dollar remained firm, but its progress was more uneven and less powerful than on other days this week. Although the pound closed at a record low against the American currency its effective depreciation rate was little changed on the day. Dealers said that trading conditions were fairly quiet, partly because of a public holiday in Switzerland.

The pound fell back heavily against the dollar in the morning and was quoted at $2.1415 at one stage. But a recovery developed, helped by Bank of England intervention according to some sources, and the rate was up to $2.1520 by early afternoon. But light selling in a thin market depressed the pound once again towards the close when it stood at $2.1475, down 63 points on the day.

The effective depreciation rate was 26.3 per cent all day, only 0.1 per cent above the overnight 26.2 per cent. The pound made some gains against the Continental currencies.

Gold closed at $166.75, down 15 cents on the day.

Spot Position of Sterling

	Market rates (day's range) August 1	Market rates (close) August 1
New York	$2.1420-1525	$2.1470-1480
Montreal	$2.2090-2180	$2.2140-2150
Amsterdam	5.67-71fl	5.68-69fl
Brussels	82.20-70f	82.50-60f
Copenhagen	12.79-83k	12.80-81k
Frankfurt	5.51-54m	5.51½-52½m
Lisbon	54.50-57.00e	54.65-85e
Madrid	125.00-40p	125.10-30p
Milan	1427-32lr	1428½-30½lr
Oslo	11.64-70k	11.66½-67½k
Paris	9.37-40f	9.37½-38½f
Stockholm	9.21-24k	9.21-22k
Tokyo	638-45y	639-41y
Vienna	38.70-39 10sch	38.80-39.00sch
Zurich	5.73-82f	5.78-80f

Effective depreciation since Dec 21, 1971 up 0.1% to 26.3%.

Forward Levels

	1 month	3 months
New York	.55-.75c prem	2.40-2.30c prem
Montreal	.70-.60c prem	2.05-1.95c prem
Amsterdam	4-3c prem	11-10c prem
Brussels	40-20c prem	80-60c prem
Copenhagen	6¼-4¼ore prem	15-13ore prem
Frankfurt	3¼-2¼pf prem	10¼-8¼pf prem
Lisbon	30c prem-40c disc	50c prem-90c disc
Milan	2-3lr disc	9-12lr disc
Oslo	7½-5½ore prem	18-15ore prem
Paris	1½c prem-½c disc	3½-1½c prem
Stockholm	2ore prem-par	6½-4½ore prem
Vienna	30-05gro prem	60-30gro prem
Zurich	3¼-2¼c prem	10¼-8¼c prem

Canadian dollar rate (against US dollar), $0.9965-69.

Eurodollar deposits (%) calls, 5¼-6¼; seven days, 5¾-6¼; one month, 6¼-7; three months, 6¾-7¼; six months, 7¼-8¼.

Gold

Gold fixed: am, $166¾ (an ounce); pm, $166¼.
Krugerrand (per coin): $175-176½ (£81¼-82¼) (domestic); $171-173 (£79¾-80¾) (international).
Sovereigns (old): $50¼-51½ (£23¼-24) (new), $50¼-51½ (£23¼-24) (international).

Eurobond prices (midday indicators)

	Bid	Offer
$ STRAIGHTS		
AIDC 10½ 1981	102¼	103¼
Airlease 8¾ 1988	83¼	84¼
Ashland 8 1987	91	92
BICC 7½ 1987	70	74
Bristol 8½ 1979	89	91
British Steel Corp 8¾ 1989	85	86
Burlington 7¾ 1987	90¼	91¼
Carrier 8 1987	90	91
Chevron 7 1980	97	98¼
Conoco 7 1980	95¼	96
Conoco 8 1986	96	97
Cons Food 7¾ 1991	85¼	86¼
Coventry 8¾ 1981	90	92
Coventry 8¾ 1980	87¼	88¼
Curacao Tokyo 8¾ 1988	92¼	93¼
Curacao Tokyo 10½ 1981	102	103
Cutler Hammer 8 1987	91	92
Dana 8 1987	90¼	91¼
Denmark Kingdom 7¾ 1990	84	85
Denmark Mtge Bank 7¾ 1991	79¼	80¼
Dundee 6¼ 1985	65	66
Escom 9½ 1989	89¼	90¼
Escom Floating Rate 1982	97¼	98¼
First Chicago 7 1980	94	95
First Pennsylvania 7¾ 1984	85	86
GATX 8½ 1987	89¼	90¼
Guardian Royal 8 1987	76	78
Hambros 7½ 1987	77	80
ICI 7½ 1992	78	81
International Util 8¼ 1982	94	95
Legal & Gen Ass 7¾ 1988	73	75
Manchester 8¼ 1981	88	90
Mexico 8¼ 1991	83	85
Michelin 7¾ 1988	84	85
Mitsubishi 9 1989	95	97
Motorola 8 1987	94¼	95¼
Nat & Grindlays 7¾ 1987	76	78
National Coal Board 8¾ 1988	84	87
Nippon Fudosan 10¼ 1980	103	105
NA Rockwell 8¼ 1987	90¼	91¼
Occidental 7¾ 1984	84	86
Pacific Lighting 8 1988	90	91
Pacific Lighting 9¾ 1981	100¼	101¼
Pennwalt 8 1987	90¼	91¼
Ralston Purina 7¾ 1987	92	93
Scanraff 7¾ 1990	85¼	86¼
Scanraff 8¾ 1988	96¼	97¼
Shell 7½ 1987	92¼	93¼
Singer 11 1977	101¼	102¼
Skandinaviska 10¼ 1981	102¼	103¼
Slough 8 1988	68	72
South Africa 8 1987	83	85
Standard Oil 8¾ 1980	100	101
Standard Oil 8¾ 1988	98	99
Standard Oil 8¾ 1988	99	100
Sybron 8 1987	90¼	91¼
Tenneco 7¾ 1987	86¼	87¼
Textron 7¾ 1987	84¼	85¼
Transocean Gulf 7¾ 1987	92	93
Transocean Gulf 7 1980	97¼	99
Union Oil 7¾ 1987	92	93
Venezuela 8¼ 1987	94	96
Volvo 8 1987	86¼	87¼
Wm Glyns 8¼ 1987	83	86
DM BONDS		
APEL (DM) 10 1981	105	106
Charter (DM) 6¾ 1968/83	80	81
Courtaulds (DM) 6¾ 1969/84	80¼	81¼
Denmark (DM) 9¾ 1989	100¼	101¼
Escom (DM) 7 1973/88	73	74
Goodyear (DM) 6¾ 1973/87	88	89
ICI (DM) 8 1971/86	91¼	92¼
Mitsubishi Heavy (DM) 6¾ 1980	67¼	68¼
Nat West (DM) 8 1988	90¼	91¼
New Zealand (DM) 9¾ 1983	103¼	104¼
Sundsvaris (DM) 8¾ 1970/85	91¼	92¼
Sun Int Fin (DM) 7¾ 1988	89¼	90¼
$ CONVERTIBLES		
AMF 5 1987	83	85
Amer Express 4¼ 1987	87	89
Beatrice Foods 4¼ 1992	93	95
Beatrice Foods 6¾ 1991	102	104
Beatrice Foods 4¾ 1993	93	95
Borden 5 1992	88	90
Borden 6¾ 1991	98	100
Broadway Hale 4¾ 1987	75	77
Carnation 4 1987	87	89
Chevron 5 1988	98	100
Cummins 6¾ 1986	81	83
Dart 4¾ 1987	86	88
Eastman Kodak 4¾ 1988	113	115
Economic Labs 4¾ 1987	81	87
Eaton 5 1987	75	77
Ford 5 1988	72	74
Ford 6 1986	86	88
Gillette 4¾ 1987	77	79
Gould 5 1987	80	82
General Electric 4¼ 1987	85	87
Halliburton 4¾ 1987	130	132
Harris 5 1987	95	98
Honeywell 6 1986	78	80
ITT 4¾ 1987	68	70
J. Ray McDermott 4¾ 1987	145	147
JP Morgan 4¼ 1987	114	116
Nabisco 5¾ 1988	94	96
Owens Illinois 4¾ 1987	88	90
JC Penney 4¾ 1987	82	84
Revlon 4¾ 1987	97	99
Rank Org 4¾ 1993	43	44
Sperry Rand 4¾ 1988	90	92
Squibb 4¾ 1987	86	88
Texaco 4¾ 1988	77	79
Union Carbide 4¾ 1982	102	103
Warner Lambert 4¼ 1987	93	95
Xerox Corp 5 1988	76	78

DM=Deutschmark issue.
Source: Kidder, Peabody Securities, London.

July profits up

Pre-tax profits of 327 British companies whose annual results were reported by Exchange Telegraph in July rose more than 3 per cent to £866.18m. The total for companies during the first seven months of the year was £10,977.7m, an increase of around 25 per cent.

Discount market

It was a very comfortable end to what has been another difficult week in Lombard Street. Credit was in full supply from the outset, and the Bank of England finally intervened to "mop up" surplus liquidity by selling a small amount of Treasury bills directly to the houses.

Secured rates opened at 9½ to 9¾ per cent, but there was little "calling" and fresh funds were obtainable at rates that gradually declined to about the 9 per cent mark.

Money Market Rates

Bank of England Minimum Lending Rate 11%
(Last changed 25/7/75)
Clearing Banks Base Rate 9½%
Discount Mkt. Loans %
Weekend: Open 9½ Close 9
Week Fixed: 10-10¼

Treasury Bills (Dis%)

Buying		Selling	
2 months	10¼	2 months	10¼
3 months	10¼	3 months	10¼

Prime Bank Bills (Dis%) / Trades (Dis%)

2 months	10¼-10¼	3 months	10¾
3 months	10¼-10¼	4 months	11
4 months	10¼-10¼	6 months	11
6 months	10¼-10¼		

Local Authority Bonds

1 month	10¼-10¼	7 months	10¼-10¼
2 months	10¼-10¼	8 months	10¼-10¼
3 months	10¼-10¼	9 months	10¼-10¼
4 months	10¼-10¼	10 months	10¼-10¼
5 months	10¼-10¼	11 months	10¼-10¼
6 months	10¼-10¼	12 months	11¼-11

Secondary Mkt. ECD Rates (%)

1 month	10¼-10¼	6 months	10¼-10¼
3 months	10¼-10¼	12 months	11¼-10¼

Local Authority Market (%)

2 days	10-10¼	3 months	10¼-10¼
7 days	10-10¼	6 months	9¾
1 month	10¼	1 year	11¼

Interbank Market (%)
Weekend, Open 10¼-10 Close 9

1 week	10¼-10¼	6 months	10¼-10¼
1 month	10¼-10¼	9 months	11-10¼
3 months	10¼-10¼	12 months	11¼-11

First Class Finance Houses (Mkt. Rate%)
3 months 11 6 months 11¼

Finance House Base Rate 10½%

Treasury Bill Tender

Applications	£993.0m	allotted	£350m
Bids at	£97.40	received	40%
Last week	£97.39	received	33%
Average rate	£10.4375%	Last week	£10.4497%
Next week	£400m	replace	£300m

Recent Issues

	Closing price
Akroyd and Smithers 25p	135
Barnet 13¼% 1980 (£100b)	£16¼
Do 14¼ 1984-85 (£10Pb)	£10¼
Cambridge Wtr 9% Rd Pf (£b)	£10
Clive Discount (20)	48-1
Derby 13¼% 1982 (£98¼b)	£10¼-¼
E. Surrey Wtr 9% Rd Pf (£b)	£9¼
English Prop 12% Cnv (£100c)	£¼ prem
Estates Hse Inv 25p Ord	132
Folkestone Wtr 9% Pf (£)	£100-¼
Lawrence (Walter) 25p Ord (55)	53
Mitchell Cotts 12% Cnv (£100)	£29¼-¼
Newcastle Wtr 9% Rd Pf (£)	£10
Nth Surrey Wtr 9% Pf (£)	£100
Prop Bldg and Inv 9% Cnv (£100)	£90-1
Sunderland Wtr 9% Rd Pf (£b)	£9
Westminster 13% 1981 (£77¼d)	£20¼
Whitbread 11% Cnv	£20¼

RIGHTS ISSUES	Latest date of renun	
Adams Food (19¼)	Sept 19	¼ prem
CompAir (43)	Sept 2	3 prem-¼
Davy Int (64)	..	5¼ prem
Empire Stores (22)	..	2¼ prem-1
Feedex (10)	Sept 5	1¼ prem
Hanson Trust (25)	Sept 5	53 prem
Law Land (48)	..	¼ prem
McCorquodale (128)	..	14 prem-1
Morgan Edwards (32)	..	2 prem-3
Premier Cons (5)	July 11	11¼ prem
Renold (105)	Sept 5	¼ prem-¼
Tate and Lyle (170)	Oct 3	2 prem-2
Westland Air (35)	..	3 prem-½
Wheatsheaf (105)	Aug 22	3 prem-2

Issue price in parentheses. * Ex dividend. + Issued by tender. ‡ Nil paid. a £5 paid. b £10 paid. c £25 paid. f £50 paid. g £60 paid. h £25 paid. j £40 paid.

Commodities

COPPER.—The bars lost £1.25 for cash and a shilling for three months. [illegible]

SILVER moved [illegible]

TIN: Standard cash [illegible]

LEAD was quietly steady.—[illegible]

ZINC was quiet and featureless. [illegible]

PLATINUM was 20 cents down at £79.10 ($170) a troy ounce.

WOOL: Greasy futures were steady.—[illegible]

RUBBER was hesitant.—[illegible]

RUBBER PHYSICALS were uncertain.—[illegible]

COFFEE: [illegible]

COCOA was [illegible]

SUGAR.—[illegible]

SOYABEAN MEAL was steady.—[illegible]

GRAIN markets remained quiet [illegible]

WHEAT.—[illegible]

MAIZE.—[illegible]

BARLEY.—[illegible]

Keyser details compensation

The annual report and accounts from Keyser Ullmann adds a little to last month's preliminary statement disclosing total losses of £61m for the year to the end of March. The new chairman, Mr D. Wilde reiterates that the group has made "a realistic assessment of our advances and full provision for likely losses".

Notes to the accounts show that former KU chairman Mr Edward du Cann was last year in receipt of £25,000 remuneration from Cannon, the group's life insurance subsidiary. In previous years this was paid to KU the banking subsidiary. Compensation payments to former directors totalled £27,000. During the year two directors, Mr R. Franklin, and Mr I. Stoutzker, both of whom have recently resigned are shown as having reduced their shareholdings by 260,000 shares and 306,000 shares respectively.

Jevons Cooper on the mend

Jevons Cooper has found it more profitable to contract than to expand, and in the year to April 30 its pre-tax profits jumped from £82,234 to £207,377 after falling from £132,923 in 1972-73. In that year Jevons rapidly opened new branches to distribute engineers' tools and factory equipment, and made indigestible acquisitions. Last year, by contrast, was one of consolidation and divestment.

The cost of retrenching was a huge extraordinary item of £817,302 but the board explains that more than half the extraordinary loss represented goodwill rather than tangible assets. Bank borrowings fell by more than £1m. There is to be no dividend for the year against 2p a share gross but the board says that trading is better, and that this year should see earnings grow.

Wall Street

New York, Aug 1.—Stocks on the New York stock exchange fell broadly today with trading unusually slow.

The Dow Jones industrial average declined 5.01 points to 825.50. Declining issues outran gainers by more than a 2-to-1 ratio.

Volume totalled 13,320,000 shares compared with 14,540,000 yesterday, another unusually slow day.

Today's turnover was the lightest of the year. It was the lowest since December 27, 1974, when 13,060,000 shares changed hands.

As the stock market opened, the government reported that unemployment in July fell to 8.4 per cent from 8.6 per cent in June. Some analysts had looked for a gain to a 9 per cent unemployment rate.

However, Labour Statistics Commissioner Shiskin said that while the rate had improved it was not a rate to be happy about.

Analysts also attributed selling to continuing tight Federal Reserve monetary policy and rising farm prices.

Silver closes 5 cents up

New York, Aug 1.—SILVER futures gained an average of five cents on continuing [illegible]

GOLD.—Futures closed mixed, from 20 cents higher to 25 lower. [illegible]

COPPER. Futures closed steady up [illegible]

SUGAR. WORLD SUGAR futures in [illegible]

COTTON. Futures closed a generally quiet but steady session unchanged in [illegible]

COFFEE.—Futures [illegible]

COCOA.—Futures closed [illegible]

WOOL.—[illegible]

CHICAGO SOYABEANS. [illegible]

CHICAGO GRAINS. WHEAT closed [illegible]

[illegible]

Canadian Prices

[illegible]

Foreign exchange.—Sterling, spot [illegible] Canadian dollar, [illegible]

The Dow Jones spot commodity index [illegible] The Dow Jones averages.—Indus- [illegible]

Authorized Units, Insurance & Offshore Funds

Authorised Unit Trusts

Abacus Arbuthnot Ltd. [illegible]
Abbey Unit Trust Managers. [illegible]
Allen Trust Managers Ltd. [illegible]
Allied Hambro Group. [illegible]
Barclays Unicorn Ltd. [illegible]
Brandts Ltd. [illegible]
Bridge Talisman Fund Manager Ltd. [illegible]
The British Life. [illegible]
Brown Shipley Unit Fund Managers. [illegible]
Canada Life Assurance [illegible]
Carliol Unit Fund Managers Ltd. [illegible]
Charities Official Investment. [illegible]
Charterhouse Japhet Unit Management Ltd. [illegible]
Crescent Unit Trust Managers Ltd. [illegible]
Drayton Unit Trust Managers Ltd. [illegible]
Equitas Securities Ltd. [illegible]
Equity & Law Unit Trust Managers Ltd. [illegible]
Framlington Unit Trust Management Ltd. [illegible]
Friend's Provident Unit Trust Managers Ltd. [illegible]
Funds in Court. [illegible]
G and A Unit Trust Managers Ltd. [illegible]
G.T. Unit Managers Ltd. [illegible]
Gartmore Fund Managers. [illegible]
Guardian Royal Exchange Unit Man Ltd. [illegible]
Henderson Administration. [illegible]
Hill Samuel Unit Trust Managers Ltd. [illegible]
Jascot Securities Ltd. [illegible]
Key Fund Managers. [illegible]
Lawson Securities. [illegible]
Legal & General Tyndall Fund. [illegible]
Lloyds Bank Unit Trust Managers. [illegible]
M & G Securities. [illegible]
National Provident Inv Managers Ltd. [illegible]
National Westminster Unit Trust Managers. [illegible]
New Court Fund Managers Ltd. [illegible]
Norwich Union Insurance Group. [illegible]
Oceanic Unit Trust Managers Ltd. [illegible]
Pearl-Montagu Trust Managers Ltd. [illegible]
Pelican Unit Administration. [illegible]
Perpetual Unit Trust Management. [illegible]
Piccadilly Unit Trust Managers Ltd. [illegible]
Portfolio Fund Managers Ltd. [illegible]
Practical Investment Co Ltd. [illegible]
Provincial Life Investment Co Ltd. [illegible]
Prudential Unit Trust Managers. [illegible]
Reliance Unit Managers Ltd. [illegible]
Save & Prosper Group. [illegible]
Schroder Wagg & Co. Ltd. [illegible]
Scottish Equitable Fund Managers Ltd. [illegible]
Slater Walker Trust Management Ltd. [illegible]
Stewart Unit Trust Managers. [illegible]
Sun Alliance Management Ltd. [illegible]
Target Trust Managers Ltd. [illegible]
Target Trust Managers (Scotland) Ltd. [illegible]
TSB Unit Trust Managers. [illegible]
Transatlantic & General Securities. [illegible]
Trident Funds. [illegible]
Tyndall Managers Ltd. [illegible]
Unit Trust Account & Management. [illegible]

Insurance Bonds and Funds

[illegible]

Offshore and International Funds

[illegible]

M. J. H. NIGHTINGALE & CO. LIMITED								
62-63 Threadneedle Street, London EC2R 8HP Tel: 01-638 8651								
1974/75 High	Low	Company	Last Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div(p)	Yld %	P/E
55	35	Armitage & Rhodes	39	—	3.0	7.7	4.4
126	90	Henry Sykes	124	—	4.9	4.0	8.3
61	29	Twinlock Ord	32	—	0.9	2.9	7.9
65	45	Twinlock 12% ULS	64	—	12.0	18.8	—
55	48	Unilock Holdings	55	—	4.5	8.2	10.6

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Stock Exchange prices

Bank shares easier

ACCOUNT DAYS: Dealings Began July 28. Dealings End Aug 8. § Contango Day, Aug 11. Settlement Day, Aug 19.

§ Forward bargains are permitted on two previous days.

BRITISH FUNDS

Stock	Price	Ch'ge	Int. only Yield	Gross Red. Yield
Exch 6½% 1976	98¾	+1/16	6.620	9.956
Treas 6½% 1976	96¾	+1/16	6.752	10.112
Treas 10½% 1976	99½	..	10.552	10.871
Treas 6½% 1977	93¼	+¼	6.982	10.532
Elec 3½% 1974-77	[illegible]	..	3.253	8.239
Treas 11½% 1977	100¼	..	11.471	11.322
Treas 3% 1977	[illegible]	+⅛	3.413	8.974
Treas 4½% 1975-77	[illegible]	+⅛	4.505	9.389
Treas 9% 1978	[illegible]	+⅛	9.569	11.784
Treas 10½% 1978	97¼	+⅛	10.797	11.626
Exch 5½% 1976-78	[illegible]	+⅛	5.832	10.425
Treas 3% 1979	[illegible]	+⅛	3.827	9.438
Treas 11½% 1979	[illegible]	+⅛	11.609	11.819
Elec 4¾% 1974-79	[illegible]	+⅛	5.330	10.379
Treas 10½% 1979	[illegible]	+⅛	10.903	11.398
Elec 3½% 1976-79	[illegible]	+⅛	4.444	9.875
Treas Cnv 9% 1980	90½	+⅛	9.903	11.687
Treas 9½% 1980	[illegible]	..	10.328	11.748
Fund 5½% 1978-80	[illegible]	..	6.492	10.388
Treas 3½% 77-80	[illegible]	+⅛	4.605	9.837
Treas 3½% 79-81	74	+⅛	4.724	9.089
Treas 8½% 1980-82	[illegible]	+⅛	9.986	11.880
Treas 13% 1983	[illegible]	+⅛	12.345	12.410
Fund 5½% 1982-84	[illegible]	+⅛	7.488	10.192
Treas 8¼% 1984-86	[illegible]	+⅛	9.413	11.690
Fund 6½% 1985-87	[illegible]	+⅛	[illegible]	[illegible]
Treas 7¾% 1985-88	[illegible]	+⅛	10.742	13.127
Trans 3% 1978-88	[illegible]	+⅛	6.645	10.826
Treas 5% 1986-89	55½	+⅛	9.264	11.734
Treas 8% 1987-90	[illegible]	+⅛	11.790	12.616
Fund 5¾% 1987-91	[illegible]	+⅛	10.680	12.465
Treas 12½% 1993	91¼	+⅛	13.714	13.851
Fund 6% 1993	[illegible]	+⅛	11.589	12.982
Treas 9% 1994	[illegible]	+⅛	13.158	13.674
Redmptn 3% 1986-96	[illegible]	+⅛	9.278	11.699
Gas 3% 1990-95	34	+⅛	9.034	11.787
Treas 12¾% 1995	[illegible]	+⅛	13.948	14.057
Treas 9% 1992-96	70¾	+⅛	13.998	13.814
Treas 13¼% 1997	[illegible]	+⅛	14.119	14.173
Treas 8¾% 1995-98	[illegible]	+⅛	12.985	13.638
Treas 8¾% 1997	[illegible]	+⅛	13.431	13.847
Treas 8¾% 1999	[illegible]	+⅛	13.657	13.910
Fund 3½% 1999-04	[illegible]	+⅛	11.800	12.676
Treas 5½% 2002-06	[illegible]	+⅛	13.685	13.828
Treas 7¾% 2008-12	[illegible]	+⅛	13.527	13.664
Treas 7¾% 2012-15	[illegible]	+⅛	13.826	13.872
Consols 4%	[illegible]	+⅛	14.305	..
War Ln 3½%	[illegible]	+⅛	13.929	..
Conv 3½%	[illegible]	+⅛	13.634	..
Treas 3%	[illegible]	+⅛	14.287	..
Consols 2½%	[illegible]	+⅛	13.957	..
Treas 2½% Aft 75	18¼	+⅛	14.275	..

COMMONWEALTH AND FOREIGN

Stock	Price	Ch'ge	Int. Yield	Red. Yield
Aust 5½% 76-78	84¼	..	6.652	13.388
Aust 5½% 77-80	74¼	..	7.399	13.404
Aust 5½% 81-82	68	..	8.306	13.326
Aust 6% 81-83	65	..	9.367	13.276
Aust 6% 74-76	95	..	6.432	12.343
Aust 7% 79-81	74	..	9.387	12.805
Berlin 4½% Ass	90	..	..	..
Chilean Mixed	95	..	..	..
E Africa 5½% 77-83	60	..	9.601	14.644
German 4½% 1930	190	..	..	..
Hungary 4½% 1924	24	..	..	..
Ireland 7½% 81-83	71¼	+½	..	..
Jamaica 7½% 77-79	82	..	9.490	13.970
Japan Ass 4% 1910	133	..	..	..
Japan 6% 83-88	58	..	..	..
Kenya 5% 78-82	60	..	8.313	14.682
Malaya 7½% 78-82	74½	..	10.050	13.139
N Z 6% 76-80	74½	..	7.988	13.442
N Z 6% 75-76	96¾	+¼	6.216	12.124
N Z 7½% 88-92	55½	..	13.192	14.460
N Z 7½% 83-86	65½	..	11.605	13.930
N Rhd 6% 78-81	76½	..	7.857	12.082
Nyasa 6% 78-81	74½	..	8.075	12.690
Peru 6% Ass	140	..	..	..
S Af GoV 5½% 74-76	94½	..	..	..
S Rhd 2½% 65-70	37	..	..	..
S Rhd 4½% 87-92	27	..	..	..
S Rhd 6% 78-81	47	..	..	..
Spanish 4%	56	..	..	..
Tang 5½% 78-82	65	..	9.178	14.474
Uruguay 3½%	71	..	..	..

LOCAL AUTHORITIES

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Investment Dollar Premium 87¼% (85¾%). Premium Conversion Factor 0.9150.

FOREIGN STOCKS

Company	Price	Ch'ge	Div	Yld	P/E
Bayer	£22¾	+⅛	156	4.8	15.2
Commerzbank	£12¾	..	201	3.7	23.1
Cp Fn Paris	£28	..	165	5.7	13.5
DBUS	£39½	..	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Ericsson	£30	..	63.6	3.6	27.7
Finsider	30	−½	..	..	..
Grangest	£25	..	316	4.1	9.2
Hoechst	375	+8	16.5	4.4	17.5
Montecatini	30	−½	..	..	..
Robeco N.V.	£50	..	90.1	4.5	21.0
Robeco ZI 5	300	−5	23.0	4.4	20.0
Rolinco Subs ZI 5	280	−5	3.2	0.9	62.3
Snia Viscosa	265	..	4.5	2.0	..
Thyssen-Huette	450	..	24.6	5.5	7.1
Volkswagen	£30½	..	..	..	..

DOLLAR STOCKS

Company	Price	Ch'ge	Div	Yld	P/E
Brascan	£9¹¹⁄₁₆	..	41.9	4.8	4.7
BP Canada	£8¾	−⅛	..	..	..
Can Pac Ord	£10	−⅛	36.8	3.7	8.7
El Paso	£5¾	..	41.7	4.8	16.1
Exxon Corp	£42¾	−¾	..	..	..
Fluor	£26¾	−¾	36.5	0.8	31.0
Hollinger	£20⅞	−¾	..	..	..
Hud Bay Oil	£20½	−¾	28.9	1.4	38.6
Husky Oil	£12⅛	−¾	..	..	..
Int Hldgs	830	−40	21.2	2.6	..
Int Nickel	£19	..	68.1	3.6	11.2
ITT	£10¾	−⅛	35.7	4.4	6.8
Kaiser Alum	£12	−⅛	30.7	2.3	..
Massey-Ferg	£10⅝	..	41.3	3.8	6.9
Pacific Petrol	£15¾	−¾	..	..	..
Pan Canadian	£10⅝	−⅛	..	..	..
Steep Rock	88	−1	..	..	..
Trans Can P	507	−¾	..	..	..
US Steel	£41⅜	−¾	..	..	..
White Pass	480	−5	33.3	3.2	95.5
Zapata Corp	£23¾	−¾	27.6g	2.2	12.4

BANKS AND DISCOUNTS

Company	Price	Ch'ge	Div	Yld	P/E
Alexs Discount	183	..	17.9	9.8	8.7
Allen H & Ross	200	..	20.2	6.7	5.6
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BREWERIES AND DISTILLERIES

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COMMERCIAL AND INDUSTRIAL

A — B

High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
176	48	AAH	122	−2	12.7	10.4	5.1
107	22	AB Electronic	33	..	6.1	18.6	2.3
48	36	AC Cars	40	● ..	1.4	3.4	15.4
100	43	AD Intl	99	..	3.5	3.5	11.3
66	15	AGB Research	34	..	3.1	9.1	5.7
230	93	APV Hldgs	180	−6	13.0	7.2	6.3
60	21	AVP Ind	41	..	3.2a	7.8	3.9
60	13	Aaronson Bros	27	..	2.8b	10.3	7.0
16	8½	Abrasives Int	12	..	2.2	17.9	4.1
109¾	40	Acrow	60	..	5.2b	8.7	9.6
74½	23½	Do A	54	..	5.2b	9.7	8.6
21¾	10½	Adams Food	17	r ..	1.6	9.5	8.9
30	5	Adda Int	6	−½	..	..	..
170	87	Adwest Group	104	..	9.2b	8.8	5.7
48	5	Aeron't & Gen.	17	..	3.5	8.6	8.3
175	68	Airfix Ind	100	..	4.3	4.3	9.4
98	27½	Do NV	54	..	4.3	7.9	5.1
98	22	Albright & W	59	−2	5.3	8.9	4.2
79	55	Alcan 10½%	£70	..	1050	15.0	..
80	54	Do 9% Cnv	166	..	900	13.6	..
48	25	Allen E.	44	+1	5.3	12.1	4.1
49	12	Allen W. G.	21	..	3.5	16.5	5.4
37½	14½	Alliance Alders	25	..	1.8	7.1	6.5
120	28	Allied Colloids	78	● ..	2.3	2.9	7.9
30	7½	Allied Insulators	14	..	1.6	11.7	4.3
27	6	Allied Plant	20	..	1.1	5.6	15.9
87	30	Allied Polymer	62	−1	6.4	10.3	7.1
41	7	Alpine Hldgs	11	..	..	..	6.6
186	133	Amal Metal	174	..	18.0	10.3	1.9
70	15	Amal Power	35	..	4.7	13.4	4.2
48½	36	Amber Day	36	−1	2.2	8.3	3.5
11	6½	Amber Ind Hldgs	7	..	0.6	8.9	4.0
94	24	Anchor Chem	32	..	5.2	16.4	4.0
174½	87½	Anderson Strath	103	−2	13.1b	12.8	5.1
810	333	Anglo Amer Ind	740	..	35.5	4.8	10.1
41	24	Ang Swiss Hldgs	32	..	4.7	14.8	2.9
135	52½	Anglo-Thai Corp	102	−2	2.0	2.0	4.7
55	13	Anglovaal	25	..	2.4	9.7	10.7
51	20	Applevard	34	..	5.5	16.1	4.3
27	10½	Aquascutum 'A'	18½	..	1.7	9.4	8.0
75	29	Arlington Mtr	58	● ..	10.0	17.2	8.5
104	27	Armitage Shanks	35½	..	6.1	17.2	7.7
47½	13	Armst Equip	35	..	2.4	6.9	6.1
50	33	Asprey 6½% Pf	34½	..	6.3	18.1	..
69	22½	Ass Biscuit	55	..	3.7	6.7	8.1
67	19½	Do A	51	..	3.7	7.3	7.5
16	3½	Ass Brit Eng	4	..	..	..	..
68½	21½	Ass Brit Food	54½	..	2.4	4.5	9.1
68½	24	Ass Engineer	49	+½	5.6a	11.5	6.4
89½	24	Ass Fisheries	30	..	5.3	17.5	2.4
37½	9½	Ass Leisure	22	..	3.6	16.2	7.0
106	33	Ass News	83	+2	6.6	8.0	6.9
37	18	Ass Paper	25	..	4.0	16.0	2.3
169	61	Ass Port Cement	128	+2	10.4	8.1	10.8
73	23	Ass Tel 'A'	38	+2	6.0	15.8	5.8
32	27	Ass Tooling	29	..	2.8a	9.7	3.4
26	12	Astbury & Mdley	22	+5	1.3	6.0	4.6
130	49	Atlas Stone	49	● −1	7.2	14.6	4.4
25	11	Attwood Garage	12	..	2.2	18.0	9.2
72	18	Audiotronic	32	+1	5.2	16.1	7.6
33½	15	Ault & Wiborg	25	..	3.2	13.0	5.9
13¾	7¾	Aurora Hldgs	8	..	1.2b	15.0	2.8
55	33	Austin E.	43	..	4.5	10.4	3.1
50	12	Automotive Pd	20	−1	2.3	11.7	3.8
113	47½	Averys	90	..	6.7	7.4	9.1
121	29	Avon Rubber	35	..	..	..	2.6
57	17	BBA Grp	47	−1	3.7	7.9	9.2
137	58	BICC	105	..	10.2	9.7	7.7
85½	22¾	BOC Int	42½	..	3.7b	8.8	6.9
112	43	BPB Ind	96	..	8.8	9.2	6.0
42½	14	BPM Hldgs 'A'	16	..	3.7	23.1	3.6
29½	4	BSG Int	9¾	..	..	..	11.0
105	21	BSR Ltd	62	..	3.2	5.2	5.8
130	33½	BTR Ltd	123	..	10.0b	8.1	8.8
116	26	Babcock & W.	87	−2	2.7	3.1	8.3
90	18	Bacal Const	18	f ..	..	..	2.0
35	17	Baggeridge Brk	18	..	2.7	14.8	4.0
12	4¾	Bailey C.H. Ord	6	..	0.3	4.5	3.1
96	29	Baird W.	59	−1	11.6	19.7	4.2
67	16	Baker Perkins	35	..	4.0	11.4	10.6
52	39	Bambergers	34	−2	3.7	10.8	4.6
17	3½	Barker & Dbson	4½	..	..	..	..
338	132	Barlow Rand	296	−2	12.8	4.3	8.6
75	11	Barr & Wallace	44	..	4.2	9.6	40.0
70	11	Do A	44	..	4.2	9.6	40.0
115	34	Barratt Devs	81	..	9.0	11.1	4.0
44¼	19½	Barrow Hepbn	33	..	4.4b	13.5	4.1
39	16	Barton & Sons	29½	..	3.8	13.0	3.0
85	19	Bassett G.	56	+1	6.5	11.6	8.3
49½	17½	Bath & P'land	36	..	3.8	10.6	5.7
125	57	Baxter Fell	69	−1	7.7	11.1	2.4
51	20	Beales J.	20	−2	3.1	15.4	6.3
92	30	Beatson Clark	34	..	5.8	16.8	6.9
52	11	Beauford Grp	19	..	3.8	20.1	6.9
290	35	Beaverbrook	55	..	0.5e	0.9	..
76	12	Do A	24	..	0.5e	2.1	..
35	22	Beckman A.	45	..	6.7	15.0	5.4
311	110	Beecham Grp	263	−2	7.9	3.0	11.6
109	42	Bejam Grp	71	..	4.9	6.8	13.3
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C — E

High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
110	23	C'R Ind	73	−3	8.4b	11.4	2.7
[illegible]		CGSB Hldgs	11	..	1.5	14.0	3.6
[illegible]		Cadbury Sch	42½	−½	3.5b	8.2	11.0
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High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
85	28	Courts (Furn)	59	..	4.0	6.7	5.4
85	35	Do A NV	58	..	4.0	6.9	5.3
90	10	Court Hils Ldn	32	f ..	1.9	6.0	4.0
140	51	Courtaulds	110	−1	8.6	7.8	3.6
96	26	Courtney Pope	42	..	4.9b	11.5	4.9
76	31	C'van de Groot	62	..	4.1	6.7	6.0
74	26	Do A	60	..	4.1	6.8	5.8
33	11	Cowie T.	18	+1	2.0	11.3	10.0
40	12½	Cox Ind	13	f ..	..e	..	2.4
27	9	Crane Fruehauf	15	..	1.2	8.3	2.1
34	22	Crellon Hldgs	30	..	4.1	13.8	5.3
82	12	Crest Nicholson	25	..	4.1a	16.4	8.0
70	23	Croda Int	60	..	2.6b	4.3	7.9
32	13	Cronite Grp	29	● ..	3.4	11.7	9.6
35	20	Cropper J.	28	..	2.6	10.2	2.6
17	8	Crossland R.	10	..	1.6	16.1	4.4
64	31	Crossley Bldgs	53	..	5.8b	10.9	5.6
71	15	Crouch D.	27	..	4.5	16.6	6.6
52	12	Crouch Grp	21	..	3.7	17.6	3.7
85	20	Crowther J.	29	● ..	0.8	2.6	9.0
40	13	Culter Guard	13	..	..	..	2.8
74	26	Cum'ns En Cv	£49	..	375	7.7	..
55	17	Cuthbert R. & G.	29	..	2.5	8.5	8.1
25	11¼	Cutler Hmmer	£19½	−½	67.6	3.5	10.6
118	44	Dale Electric	97	..	6.2	6.4	9.2
120	60	Danish Bacon 'A'	86	..	9.6	11.2	3.2
38	24	Danks Gowerton	31	−1	2.7	8.8	3.5
13½	5	Dartmouth Inv	7	..	1.0	14.9	4.3
75	38	Davies & New	65	..	9.4	14.5	5.5
55	14	Davis G.	28	..	4.1	14.5	6.6
96½	49¾	Davy Int	77	r −½	8.8	11.4	6.8
45	11	Dawson & Barfos	36	−1	2.0	5.6	..
62	30	Dawson J.	38	..	6.8	17.9	4.1
660	310	De Beers Ind	660	..	35.3	5.3	15.0
99	25	Debenhams	63	..	6.0	9.3	57.5
197	65	De La Rue	137	+2	16.5	12.0	6.1
286	94	Decca	174	−2	12.1	7.0	4.5
284	90	Do A	170	−2	12.1	7.1	4.4
45	15	Delson	20	+½	2.3	11.3	3.1
79½	35½	Delta Metal	48	−½	6.3b	13.1	5.9
118	38	Denbyware	88	..	7.7	8.7	6.1
132	58	De Vere Hotels	83	−1	5.4	6.5	25.2
145	58	Dew G.	71	● −1	6.3	8.9	3.7
128	48½	DRG	90	..	8.8	9.7	4.7
26	3½	Dimplex Ind	6	..	..	..	..
58	12	Dixons Photo	31	..	1.4	4.4	3.7
46	12	Do A	30	..	1.4	4.5	3.6
60	28	Dixor	31	−2	0.7	2.4	20.7
42¾	13½	Dobson Park	30	−1	2.6	8.7	7.1
51	20	Dolan Pack	30	..	2.7	8.8	3.0
52	29	Dom Hldgs	40	..	5.4	13.5	11.4
101	18	Doncaster D.	101	h +1	3.9	3.9	8.0
110	55	Dorman Smith	110	s ..	6.7	6.1	10.5
99¼	50	Do A	98	s ..	6.7	6.8	8.3
73	18	Douglas R. M.	44	..	4.6	10.3	3.7
46	12	Dow'd & Mills	39	..	2.7	6.9	9.3
122	55	Downing G. H.	120	..	13.2	11.0	7.6
116	41	Dowty Grp	96	−1	7.7	8.1	7.4
20½	6	Drake Cubitt	9	..	..	..	..
41	11½	Dreamland Elec	41	..	2.9	7.1	6.4
39	10½	Dufay	37½	..	1.9b	5.1	6.3
370	185	Duncan W.	225	..	26.5	11.8	6.5
71	28	Dunford & Ell	35	..	5.9	16.8	3.0
58	17	Dunlop Hldgs	43	..	5.1	11.8	5.0
17	3	Duple Int	3¾	..	..	..	2.8
62	30½	Duport	39	..	5.2	13.3	2.6
39	10½	Durton For	14	..	2.7	19.1	5.5
59	17	Dykes J. Hldgs	26½	−½	4.6	17.5	5.6
75	18	ERF Hldgs	24	..	3.9	16.4	3.3
37	22	E Lancs Paper	31	..	4.4	14.1	2.4
69	30	E Mid A Press	37	..	3.5	9.4	7.0
79	13	Eastern Prod	22	..	..	..	1.7
84	22	Eastwood J. B.	42	..	4.8	11.5	3.3
70	18	Do B Dfd	37	..	..	..	..
89	30	Edbro	81	..	7.2	12.6	4.6
67	29	Ega Hldgs	45	..	4.3	9.5	3.2
39½	2½	Eldridge St'fd	3½	f ..	0.6	15.7	1.1
42	11½	Eleco Hldgs	18½	..	2.1	11.2	5.5
34	12	Elec & Ind Secs	27	..	3.0	11.2	7.4
201	62	EMI Ltd	163	−2	9.6b	5.9	9.8
113	42	Electrocomps	102	..	5.8	5.7	8.5
74	18	Electr'nic Rent	44	..	2.0	4.5	9.1
57	15	Elliott B.	45½	−½	5.6	12.3	2.1
43	20¼	Elliott Grp	38	..	3.0b	8.0	4.7
152	65	Ellis & Everard	114	..	5.2	4.6	13.7
32	10	Ellis & Gold	15½	..	2.2	14.2	3.0
103	35¾	Empire Stores	54	r −1	4.4b	8.2	6.3
19¾	6	Energy Serv	4	..	..e	..	5.7
16	7½	England J. E.	14	..	1.6	11.6	7.1
47	22	English Card Cl	35	..	3.4	9.6	3.0
104	32	Eng China Clay	55	..	3.5b	6.3	6.1
87	32	Erith & Co	65	..	6.2	9.6	6.6
95	33	Esperanza	61	..	3.7	6.4	..
170	19	Euclyptus Pulp	72	..	6.9	30.0	7.1
88	15	Euro Ferries	62	−½	2.5	4.1	6.5
50	27	Eva Industries	42	..	4.7	11.1	4.3
107	45	Ever-Ready Hg	78	−1	4.9b	6.2	8.7
73	22	Evode Hldgs	42	−1	2.6	6.2	5.1
23	6½	Ewer G.	18	..	1.5	8.9	3.1
116	32	Exch Telegraph	66	..	6.2	9.4	12.0
64	27	Expand Metal	60	..	3.8	6.4	8.7

F — H

High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
52	12	F C Cons	31	..	4.1	13.1	4.9
79	29	FMC	65	● −3	7.7	11.8	3.5
30	7½	FPA Cons	11½	..	2.5	21.7	..
197	62½	Fairclough L.	146	..	12.7b	8.7	..
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I — L

High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
155	40	IDC Grp	75	..	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
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High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
67	17½	LCP Hldgs	43½	..	4.5	9.8	6.2
58	24	LRC Int	23½	..	3.1	13.1	14.2
175	54	Ladbroke	135	−1	5.8	4.3	7.2
48	23	Ladies Pride	30	..	3.7	12.4	5.1
34	12	Lafarce	16	..	2.3	14.4	6.0
149¾	36	Laing J.	96	−2	2.5	2.6	11.9
146½	36	Do A	95	−2	2.5	2.7	11.8
54½	24½	Laird Grp Ltd	33	+½	3.8a	11.8	2.5
49	17	Lake & Elliot	31	..	4.6	13.9	9.7
41	25	Lambert H'wth	33	..	3.7	11.4	2.9
102	45	Lamson Ind	66	..	4.1	6.2	6.4
287½	12	Lane Fox	20	f ..	..	..	6.0
42	6	Lane P. Grp	8	..	..	..	..
98	46	Lautro	82	..	7.4b	9.0	2.4
108	42	Laporte Ind	71	−1	7.6	10.7	6.3
170	65	Latham J.	115	..	10.6	9.2	5.6
67	16½	Laurence Scott	31	..	3.9	12.4	..
40	28	Lawtex	28	..	3.9	13.8	2.1
118	48	Lead Industries	91	..	7.2	7.9	3.2
43	16	Le-Bas E.	33	..	2.1	6.6	3.4
20½	9¾	Lee A.	13	−½	2.1	16.4	2.4
150	40	Lee Cooper	50	● ..	2.5	5.0	3.6
73	36	Leisure C'van	68	..	6.8a	10.0	9.3
168	61	Lep Grp	154	..	3.5	2.3	9.3
32	12	Lesney Ord	19	+½	1.2	6.3	2.9
32	11	Do RV	15	..	1.2	8.0	2.3
56	13	Letraset	29	+1	1.8	6.3	4.0
35	6¼	Lex Services	12	−¼	2.3	18.8	3.9
52	21	Lilley F. J. C.	42	..	2.5	5.9	5.0
60	20	Lincroft Kilg	26	..	4.5	17.4	2.4
59	29	Lindustries	48	● ..	5.8	12.0	3.9
170	45	Linfood Hldgs	154	● ..	12.9	8.4	9.1
46	20	Linread	24	..	4.4	18.5	3.3
55	29	Lipton L.	41	..	3.7	9.0	4.3
59½	21	Lister & Co	36	−1	3.7	10.2	5.0
58	29	Lloyd F. H.	47½	+½	6.1	12.8	4.7
47	10	Lloyds Indust	33	..	4.6	14.0	5.6
12¼	6½	Locker T.	10½	..	1.0	9.5	5.1
11¼	5	Do A	9¾	..	1.0	10.3	4.7
70	35	Lockwoods Fds	54	..	4.2	7.8	4.9
42	18	Ldn & M'land	42	..	5.7	13.5	3.8
46	15	Ldn & N'thern	33½	−½	5.0	15.4	5.7
59	15	Ldn Brick Co	40	..	2.7	6.6	20.0
117½	68	Ldn Prov Post	78	..	2.7b	4.7	31.5
43	19	Longton Trans	22	..	3.9a	17.9	3.5
159	42¾	Lonrho	116	−1	5.5	4.7	..
100	26	Lonsdale Univ	43	..	5.6	13.0	3.8
76	22	Lovell Hldgs	34	..	3.0a	8.9	4.7
77	75	Loreys J.	75	f ..	..	..	..
194	82½	Low & Bonar	150	+3	12.4	8.3	4.8
135	37	Lucas Ind	96	−2	7.6	7.9	6.8
88	29	Lyles S.	33	..	3.9	11.8	..
23¾	13	Lyndale Eng	19	..	2.2	11.6	2.8
255	55	Lyons J. Ord	117	+2	11.7	10.0	35.5
240	50	Do A	117	● −1	11.7	10.0	35.5

M — N

High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
61	7	MFI W'house	15	..	..e	..	4.2
101	17	MK Electric	34	−1	3.1	9.1	15.2
90	17	MK Refrig'tion	27	..	3.6	13.2	2.8
22	10	MTE Ltd	16½	..	2.6	15.5	4.0
39	16	MY Dart	25	..	2.2	8.6	5.1
205	95¼	McCorquodale	144	r ..	19.6b	13.6	6.6
93	15	McInerney Prop	22	..	..	..	..
36½	11	McCleery L'Amie	17	..	2.6	15.3	3.2
11	3½	McIntyre	4½	f ..	0.9	19.6	3.4
44	16	Mackay H.	22	..	4.2	19.0	4.9
80	30	McKechnie Bros	44	−1	5.1	11.6	2.5
75	33	McNeill Grp	40	..	4.0	10.1	4.1
43	17	Macpherson D.	24	−1	3.0b	12.5	3.2
30	8½	Madame Tussds	15	+½	1.2	8.3	8.2
175	41	Magnet Joinery	106	−1	4.2	4.0	5.4
55	11	Mallinson W.	26	..	2.7	10.2	4.8
100	23	Man Agcy Music	37	..	7.5b	20.3	2.4
134	55¾	Manbre & Gart	99	−1	9.5b	9.6	8.1
272	110	Man Ship Canal	178	−2	17.7	10.0	5.8
20	5	Mang Bronze	6	..	..	..	3.1
49	22	Mann & Overtn	45	● ..	4.6	10.2	4.8
54	7½	Maple Mac'w'ds	10	..	..	..	..
100	24	Marchwiel	72	..	3.9	5.4	4.5
73	35	Marks A	24	..	5.1	21.2	2.2
125	47½	Marks & Spencer	93	..	5.0	5.4	15.4
92	24½	Marley Ltd	66	..	4.4	6.7	5.7
21	8	Marling Ind	10½	● ..	1.3	12.6	2.5
46	5	Marshall Car	14	..	3.0	20.7	5.2
26	11	Marshall T Lox	22	..	2.9	12.0	4.6
29½	9	Do A	20½	..	2.9	14.0	4.4
61	29	Marshall T. Inv	44	..	5.0	11.3	3.0
83	25	Marshalls (Hal)	47	..	6.6	14.0	4.5
105	46¾	Martin-Black	80	+1	6.2b	6.0	6.5
162	51	Martin-News	85	+2	5.9	6.4	6.2
80	25	Martin T.	45	..	3.2	7.0	5.2
175	35	Martonair	137	..	5.2	3.9	9.4
83	23	Mather & Platt	29	..	3.7	12.9	4.1
60	22	Matthews Hldgs	40	..	3.7	9.3	4.9
67¾	15	May & Hassel	46	..	2.5	5.5	7.7
425	100	Maynards	200	..	22.3	8.0	6.0
38	22	Mears Bros	12	● ..	2.3	18.0	6.0
26	10	Medminster	12	..	2.6	20.8	8.8
35	7	Menzmore Mfg	9½	..	1.2	12.3	10.1
80	26	Menzies J.	108	..	5.4	5.0	8.7
298½	133	Metal Box	208	−1	18.6b	9.0	6.1
91	44	Metal Closures	76	..	4.8	6.3	6.1
89	14	Metal Products	36	..	2.8	7.7	20.5
22½	6	Metalrax	18	+½	3.8b	10.0	5.7
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High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
36	10	Ruberoid	15	..	2.8	18.7	6.9
80	23	Rugby Cement	53	..	4.0n	7.5	6.9
46	16	Do NV	31	+1	3.4a	10.9	11.5
98	33	RTD Grp	37	−1	11.4	30.8	2.5
28	6	S & U Stores	8	..	1.3	16.0	8.3
118	35	SGB Grp	77	..	6.7b	8.7	4.8
31½	11¼	SKF 'B'	£26¼	..	59.4	2.3	15.1
50	13	Sabah Timber	19	..	1.9	9.9	3.7
184	73	Sainsbury J.	130	−2	6.8	5.3	15.8
31	12¾	St Gobain	£20	..	63.7	3.2	9.3
125	40	Sale Tilney	63	..	6.0	9.6	5.8
122½	46¾	Samuel H.	107	s −3	7.4b	7.0	6.1
117½	45¾	Do A	106	s −1	7.4b	7.0	6.1
50½	22	Sanderson Kay	42	..	5.5	13.1	5.6
118	15	Sangers	79	..	7.4	9.4	11.7
70	10	Savoy Hotel 'A'	20	..	0.8	3.8	..
66	31	Scapa Grp	47	−½	5.6	11.9	3.1
268	118	Scholes G. H.	145	+5	19.5	13.4	8.2
44	14	Senteros	36	..	3.7	10.3	7.3
54	31	Scotia Inv	13	h +½	..	..	2.2
31	9	Scottish TV 'A'	30	..	..e	..	7.5
37	11	Scott J.	17	..	..	..	2.5
153	45	Scot Univ Inv	87	−3	6.5	7.5	10.6
30	6	Scragg E.	10½	..	0.6	5.9	3.1
78	14½	Sealed Motor	35	h ..	..e	..	..
45½	18½	Sears Hldgs	32½	..	2.9	9.0	9.4
164	47	Securicor Grp	68	..	2.1	3.1	9.6
152	48	Do NV	66	..	2.1	3.1	9.6
158	48	Security Serv	70	..	3.4	4.9	8.8
158	50	Do A	70	..	3.4	4.9	8.8
12	4½	Sellncourt	6½	..	1.1	17.2	8.6
77	9	Sena Sugar	9	..	..	..	..
39½	15	Serck	31	..	3.2b	10.4	9.6
26	13	Shakespeare J.	17½	+½	1.2	6.6	3.4
36	11	Shaw Carpets	19	..	3.2	16.8	4.0
30	7½	Shaw F	26½	+½	3.0	11.3	6.8
36½	12	Sheepbridge	33½	..	4.4	13.1	7.7
94	17	Sheffield Twist	94	h ..	4.6	4.9	14.4
36	16	Shellabear Price	25½	−3	3.5	13.7	3.0
21	5	Sherman S.	6	..	..	..	..
77	37	Sidlaw Ind	38	..	7.8	20.8	4.3
135¾	56	Siebe Gorman	106	+1	7.0b	6.6	6.0
58	12	Siemssen Hunt	20	..	2.8a	13.8	5.9
166	65	Sigmode 7% Cn	£100	..	700	4.4	..
29	7	Silentbloc	29	+1	2.4	8.4	12.0
119	56½	Simon Eng	91	..	9.0	9.8	7.5
92	35	Simpson S.	36	..	4.0	11.2	9.7
90	38	Do A	36	..	4.0	11.2	9.7
66	29	Sketchley	57	..	5.4	9.4	5.4
42	20	Slimma Grp	26	..	2.8	10.1	4.8
41½	12	Small & Tidmas	19	..	3.5	18.3	3.2
59½	22	Smith & Neph	50½	−2	2.7	5.4	12.1
420	121	Smith W. H.	318	..	12.4	3.9	12.6
130	58	Smiths Ind	93	−1	9.1	9.8	6.2
113	48	Smurfit	84	..	10.0	11.9	3.7
32	17	Sobranie	18	..	2.1	11.5	5.6
28	15	Do NV	16	..	2.1	12.9	5.0
53	18	Solicitors Law	39	..	4.8	12.4	7.1
96	30	Sthern-Evans	64	..	4.1a	6.4	3.9
130	50	Sparrow G. W.	99	..	6.3	6.4	7.9
123	32½	Spear & Jackson	75	..	5.6	7.2	5.7
120	63	Spear J. W	103	..	2.9	2.8	5.1
38	8	Spencer Gears	9	..	1.4	15.1	2.7
43	23	Spencer G.	26	..	3.9	14.8	5.0
47	19	Spillers	32	−½	3.5	11.0	11.6
126½	54½	Spirax-Sarco	106	−3	5.7b	5.2	8.6
47	19	Spirella	40	..	4.6a	11.4	3.9
42	20	Spooner Ind	22	..	3.3	15.0	3.0
130	60	Staffs Potts	80	..	6.8	8.6	3.3
49	22	Stalley Int	37	+1	3.4	9.2	4.1
74	38	Stag Furniture	63	..	9.0a	14.3	3.5
76	33¼	Stanley A. G.	66	..	6.8b	10.4	13.2
52	11½	Stanwood Radio	16	..	..	..	..
121	38	Staveley Ind	90	..	10.8	12.0	5.4
240	100	Steel Bros	207	−3	11.5	5.6	20.0
126	54	Steetley Co	100	..	7.8b	7.8	6.0
30	10	Steinberg	15	..	1.4	9.0	3.5
48	7	Stephen J.	8	..	..	..	..
95	53	Stew't & Ll 6%	95	..	..	..	..
53	13	Stigwood R. Grp	40	+2	2.1	5.2	13.2
37	9	Stocklake Hldgs	19	..	..	..	..
73	40	Stocks J & Son	61	..	4.5	7.1	3.9
64¾	24	Stonehill	61	f ..	8.2	13.5	6.9
86	29½	Stone Platt	59½	−2	4.5	7.7	3.8
61	14	Stores Bros	35¾	..	4.3	11.2	6.3
120	53	Stothert & Pitt	71	−1	12.0	16.2	4.4
83	27	Strong & Fisher	43	..	5.4	12.5	3.5
53	4½	Sturla G.	7	..	..	..	..
12¾	4¼	Sumner F.	5½	s ..	..	..	..
20¾	12	Sunbeam W'sey	12	..	1.0	18.4	2.8
44	26	Sutcliffe S'man	31	−1	3.4	11.0	3.6
113	54	Swan Hunter	54	..	8.4	15.6	1.5

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High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
44	10	Tace Ltd	12	● ..	1.4	11.8	2.0
25	17	TDT	31	..	4.1	12.0	4.3
680	400	Takeda Bdr	520	..	1.1	0.2	12.3
161	48	Tarmac Ltd	111	..	11.2b	10.1	5.5
283	106	Tate & Lyle	182	..	16.3	8.9	4.3
63	30	Taylor Pallis	54	..	5.5	10.2	5.5
312	68	Taylor Woodrow	245	● +1	7.3	3.1	9.5
42	15	Telefusion	16	..	1.5n	9.1	3.8
40	11	Do A	16	..	1.5n	9.1	3.8
124	45	Telephone Rent	86	−1	6.7	7.8	9.4
57	19	Tesco	40½	..	1.9	4.6	12.2
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FINANCIAL TRUSTS

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INSURANCE

High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
70	19	Bowring	51	+1	3.2	6.2	..
106	33	Brentnall Beard	55	..	4.7	8.5	6.4
164	59	Britannic	118	−2	10.5	8.9	..
189	68	Com Union	138	−4	10.2	7.4	..
146	44	Eagle Star	105	..	7.1	6.7	..
216	50	Equity & Law	134	..	7.6	5.7	..
176	62	Gen Accident	135	−1	8.1	6.0	..
230	84½	Guardian Royal	174	−1	11.6b	6.6	..
184	48	Hallord Shead	175	..	8.1	4.6	10.9
232	78	Heath C. E.	201	−1	9.4	4.7	9.5
158	40	Hogg Robinson	122	..	6.1	5.0	11.8
138	30	Howden A.	117	..	3.2	2.8	13.3
150½	58½	Legal & Gen	105	..	6.7b	6.4	..
125	33	Leslie & Godwin	101	..	5.2	5.2	12.9
142	48	London & Man	90	..	6.5	7.2	..
205	62	Matthews W'son	150	..	11.3	7.5	12.3
105¾	44	Minet Hldgs	126	..	3.3	2.6	14.3
254	81	Pearl	184	..	14.3	7.8	..
228	103	Phoenix	182	..	12.7b	6.6	..
128	60	Prov Life 'A'	110	..	9.4	8.6	..
128	60	Do A Br	110	..	9.4	8.6	..
128	60	Do B	110	..	9.4	8.6	..
126	60	Do B Br	110	..	9.4	8.6	..
141½	60	Prudential	106	..	7.8b	7.4	..
300	110	Refuge 'A'	210	..	18.7	8.9	..
160	46	Do B	102	..	9.3	9.1	..
336	120	Royal	258	−6	18.7	7.3	..
260	93	Sedg. Forbes	221	−4	10.8	4.9	17.1
121	27	Stenhouse	69	..	4.8	7.0	8.1
448½	207¾	Sun Alliance	368	−2	23.7b	6.4	..
91	31	Sun Life	68	..	4.0b	5.9	..
186	78	Trade Indem'ty	130	..	9.9	7.6	..

INVESTMENT TRUSTS

High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
123	47	Aberdeen Trst	101	+1	5.2	5.1	30.1
59	14½	Acorn Secs 'Cap'	45	..	..	..	..
57	37	Do Inc	51	..	6.0b	11.8	12.0
200	86	Alliance Trust	168	−2	7.8	4.7	29.1
42½	15	Amer Trust	31	..	2.1	6.7	29.5
102	39	Ang-Amer Secs	78	−3	3.3	4.2	31.5
35	10½	Anglo Int Inv	33	..	3.9	11.8	13.5
77	16	Do Asn	38	−2	..	..	..
48	15	Anglo Scot	32	−1	2.1	6.5	24.1
57	36	Ashbourne	40½	f ..	1.3	3.3	22.1
100½	43	Ashdown Inv	89½	..	4.6b	5.2	27.8
76	12½	ABC Regional	32½	−3	0.6	1.8	..
112	12	Atlantic Assets	32½	−3	1.2	3.7	..
46	15	Atlas Electric	34½	−½	1.8	5.1	35.9
51	23	Bankers Inv	39½	−1½	2.9b	7.6	18.3
51½	16	Berry Trust	35	−1	0.9b	2.7	51.5
242	106	Border & Sthrn	204	−3	6.8	3.4	39.1
36½	16	Brit Am & Gen	27	..	1.8	6.6	19.6
62	18	Brit Assets Tst	39½	..	1.9b	4.8	33.5
10½	4	Brit Emp Sec	9	−¼	0.8	8.3	15.0
149	63	Brit Invest	119	..	5.2b	4.4	34.2
119½	48	Broadstone	98	−3	4.8	4.8	28.3
69½	30	Brunner	56½	..	3.8	6.5	22.5
64½	27	Bryscourt Inv	50	..	2.5a	5.0	27.8
57	21	CLRP Inv	42	−½	2.2	5.1	23.6
173	58	Cable Trust	108	−2½	6.5	6.0	23.1
230	76	Caledonia Inv	136	−2	9.7	7.1	16.9
67	29½	Caledonian Tst	56	..	1.8	3.3	46.7
65	24½	Do B	51	..	..	..	..
35	5½	Cannon St	5½	f ..	2.0	35.6	..
96	42	Capital & Natl	82½	−1	4.8b	5.8	..
67½	41½	Do B	74	−2½	..	..	..
140	57	Cardinal 'Dfd'	118	● ..	6.5	5.5	..
110	47	Carliol Inv	94½	..	3.9	4.1	34.6
56	21	Cedar Inv	45	..	2.6	5.8	20.9
48	19	Charter Trust	38	..	2.3	6.1	23.0
34	15½	City & Grace	29½	..	1.7b	5.8	24.0
36	13½	Do Conv	31	..	..	..	..
67	26½	Clydesdale Inv	51½	−½	2.4	4.7	36.8
63	25	Do B	46	−1	..	..	..
13	7½	Common Mkt	£10½	● −¼	30.5	2.9	34.7
165½	59½	Cont & Ind	137	−2	6.9	5.1	36.7
24	12	Corporate Guar	14	f ..	..	..	..
62	26	Crossfriars	43	● ..	3.7	8.6	17.9
33	14	Cumulus	21	−½	1.1b	5.1	70.0
85	35	Delta Inv	65	..	..	..	..
140	75	Derby Tst 'Inc'	126	● −2	15.2	11.8	15.1
137	40	Do Cap	85	..	..	..	..
131	53	Drayton Com	98	−1	5.2	5.3	28.5
140	62	Drayton Cons	113	..	5.3	4.7	30.3
192	88½	Do Premier	155	−2	7.7	5.0	27.7
49	19½	Dundee & Ldn	39½	..	2.6b	6.6	22.2
63	18	E & W Inv	46	..	1.5	3.3	34.8
129½	48½	Edin & Dundee	108	..	4.2b	3.8	..
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High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
315	138	Minorco	280	+2	9.4	3.4	..
467	182	Nchanga Explor	278	+5	20.8	7.5	..
53	23½	Pahang Cons	40	..	3.1b	7.8	..
454	145	Peko Wallsend	260	..	..	..	..
267	100	Poseidon Ltd	225	−1	..e	..	..
28	11⅜	Pres Brand	£24¼	−¼	151	6.2	..
22¾	11½	Pres Steyn	£17½	−⅛	83.3	4.8	..
470	130	Rand Mine Prop	300	−5	7.4	2.5	..
37	11	Randfontein	£27	..	..	..	..
12¾	5¾	Rand Select	£9¾	..	45.5	4.9	..
38	13	Rhodesian Corp	19	−2	0.8	4.6	..
224	74	Rio Tinto Zinc	168	−2	8.6b	5.1	..
440	255	Roan Cons 'B'	280	−10	..	..	..
39½	14	St Helena	£29¼	+¼	163	5.6	..
63	7	St Piran	15	..	1.0	6.4	..
30	10	Sea Diam	28	..	..	..	..
690	235	Selection Tst	523	..	20.9	4.0	..
450	178	Sentrust	358	..	19.0	5.3	..
80	27	Silvermines	55	..	4.0	7.3	..
11½	7⅛	SA Coal	£11½	..	21.6	1.9	..
11¼	8⅞	SA Land	£8	..	..	..	..
13¼	4⅜	Southvaal	£11⅛	..	5.6	..	..
178	67	Sthn Malayan	121	−2	15.5	12.8	..
91	48	Sungei Besi	60	..	9.2	15.4	..
230	90	Tanjong Cons	178	..	13.2	7.4	..
88	28	Tanjong Tin	58	● ..	6.7	11.5	..
310	220	Tharsis Sulph	300	..	..	..	..
14¼	5	Transvaal Cons	£14	..	42.0b	3.0	..
94	41	Tronoh Mines	62	..	4.0	9.7	..
470	220	UC Invest	400	● ..	2.0	5.6	..
575	253	Union Corp	505	..	25.8	5.1	..
253	83	Union Plat	185	−2	..	..	..
24½	10½	Vaal Reefs	£20⅞	−½	..	..	..
11⅝	2⅝	Venterspost	£8⅝	−⅛	44.7	5.5	..
21	7½	Vereen Est	£22¾	..	70.6	3.2	..
53½	23	Wankie Colliery	36	−2	3.5	9.7	..
247	83	Waterval Plat	185	−7	13.2	7.1	..
650	258	Welkom	405	−10	33.9	..	..
54¾	23¾	W Driefontein	£44	..	310	7.0	..
570	165	W Rand Cons	330	..	6.1	2.0	..
745	300	Western Areas	565	−8	45.5	8.1	..
27¾	10⅜	Western Deep	£19⅝	..	..	..	..
39¼	19	Western Hldgs	£34	..	275	8.1	..
213	76	Western Mining	156	..	4.5	2.9	..
17¾	5⅝	Winkelhaak	£10⅝	−¼	69.6	6.5	..
70	47½	Zambia Copper	51	−2	..	..	..

OIL

High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
30½	22½	Ampol Pet	30½	−½	2.0	7.3	10.6
91	53	Attock	61	..	6.1e	10.2	7.7
131	56	Berry Wiggins	71	..	2.9	4.0	15.3
158	84	Brit Borneo	144	..	7.6	5.3	10.0
564	191	BP	465	−7	25.2	5.4	3.4
498	27	Burmah Oil	28	..	..	..	..
29	11½	C F Petroles	£23	..	168	7.3	4.3
106	32	Oil Exploration	61	..	2.4	3.9	20.1
19¼	7	Premier Cons	11½	..	..	..	..
20¼	8	Ranger Oil	£12¾	..	..	..	..
31	14¼	Royal Dutch	£21⅝	−¼	110	5.6	4.4
308	119	Shell	242	−2	15.2	6.3	5.4
126¼	13¼	Tricentrol	99	s ..	..	..	1.2
240	66	Ultramar	168	..	..	..	3.7

PROPERTY

High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
72	24	Allied Ldn	32	..	3.3	10.4	4.9
170	56	Allnatt Ldn	104	● −1	4.9	4.7	19.7
84	19½	Amal Inv	21½	+1	0.7	3.4	3.5
111	38	Apex Props	82	..	2.5	3.0	40.2
24	7	Aquis Secs	9½	..	0.8	8.5	36.3
62	15	Argyle Secs	34	−1	..e	..	..
97	37	Arlagen Props	64½	..	2.4	3.7	27.5
72	25	Beaumont Prop	41	−1	4.0	9.8	12.5
87	22	Bellway Hldgs	46	−1	3.4	7.5	6.1
216	50	Berkeley Hmbro	102	−2	5.0	4.9	24.3
132	50	Billon Percy	115	..	5.8a	4.9	15.6
142	45	Do Accum	118	..	0.3	0.3	..
115	56	Bradford Prop	90	−2	7.9	8.7	5.2
20½	7	Brit Anzani	14	..	..e	..	..
121	6½	British Land	14½	−½	..	..	..
85¾	20¾	Brixton Estate	67½	s +¼	2.7	4.0	28.2
91	11½	Cap & Counties	15	+½	3.4	22.3	4.5
92	17	Centrovincial	17	..	..e	..	6.4
91	12	Do Cap	16	..	..	..	..
281	66	Chesterfield	105	+2	4.4	4.2	18.6
34	10	Chown Secs	12	+½	..e	..	..
208	48	Churchbury Est	110	+12	5.7	5.2	25.7
34½	6	City Offices	23	+1	2.1	8.1	19.7
34	9½	Country & New T	11½	..	1.0	9.0	10.6
62	14	County & Dist	16½	−½	..	..	4.4
110	14	Daejan Hldgs	27	−2	4.5	16.7	4.1
111½	17	Eng Prop	44	..	3.5b	8.0	21.1
92	12	Estates Prop	36	..	3.6	10.0	9.3
110	30	Evans of Leeds	85	..	6.0	7.0	11.5
25	6	Fortnum	16½	..	0.3	2.1	36.7
30¼	5	Fraternal Est	7½	..	..	..	..
290	85	Glanfield Secs	167	+14	13.1b	7.8	14.6
286	97	Gt Portland	176	..	5.0	2.8	42.9
43	16	Green R	13½	..	2.0	14.7	17.1
56	20	Guildhall	36	..	2.8	7.6	12.9
470	125	Hammerson	305	..	7.0	2.3	39.7
470	125	Do A	305	..	7.0	2.3	39.7
238	76	Haslemere Ests	168	..	3.5	2.2	58.3
74	25½	Intereuropean	29½	+½	3.1	11.7	..
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High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
39½	23	Anglo-Indonesia	33	−½	3.9	11.7	..
75	45	Bradwall FMS	50½	..	3.1	5.2	..
115	57	Castlefield	87	−1	3.0	3.5	..
51½	16	Chersonese	26	−½	1.6	6.1	..
96	26	Cons Plant	53	..	4.4	8.3	..
21	8½	Doranakande	9½	..	1.4	15.0	..
56	27	E Asiatic	50	−1	2.5	5.0	..
57	36	Gadek	56	..	2.4	5.0	..
58	28	Golden Hope	48	..	2.9	6.0	..
8½	1¾	Grand Central	8	..	0.8	9.4	..
245½	108½	Guthrie Corp	150	s −2	16.9	11.7	..
67½	21	Highlds & Low	35½	..	1.5	4.1	..
101	45	Hongkong	47	..	6.0	12.8	..
150	67	Killinghall	87	..	6.5	7.6	..
32¾	13½	Kulim Grp	23½	+½	2.1	9.3	..
37½	26	Ldn Asiatic	35	..	2.2	6.7	..
29½	20	Ldn Sumatra	25	−½	1.5	5.7	..
37½	16½	Majedie	24	..	0.8	3.3	..
14½	5½	Malavalam	7½	+¼	..	..	..
91	31	Muar River	43	..	2.0	1.7	..
73	24	Pataling	42½	−½	3.1	7.3	..
30	29½	Plant Hldgs	30	−½	2.5	6.3	..
11	7	Sungei Krian	£10¼	..	46.5	4.5	..

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High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
66	58	Assam Frontier	86	..	10.0	11.6	..
54	25	Assam Inv	43	..	4.7	11.0	..
45	27	Camellia Inv	46	..	2.2	4.9	..
52	20	Clairmace	45	..	0.2	20.1	..
112	76	Cresby Hse	109	..	13.1	12.0	..
32	12	Deundi	19	..	..	..	..
160	120	Doolahat	130	f ..	5.0	3.8	..
131	65	Jokai	120	..	10.3b	8.6	..
150	48	McLeod Russel	70	..	9.2b	13.2	..
98	60	Moran	96	..	8.0	8.3	..
31	25	Ouvah Highlds	28	..	2.2	7.9	..
44	21	Peacock Sasani	34	+3	3.8	11.3	..
28	18	Sthn India	24	..	..	..	..
25	14	Surmah Valley	18	..	..	..	..
100	54	Warren Tea	73	−1	9.1	12.5	..
45	20	Western Dooars	45	..	6.0	13.4	..
60	56	Williamson Hldgs	67	..	6.9	10.3	..

MISCELLANEOUS

High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
11⅝	5⅝	Algoma Cen Rly	£8⅞	−½	26.0	2.9	11.5
20	5	Autofagasta	£10½	..	..	..	6.3
45	12	Calcutta Elec	22	..	..e	..	..
50	31	E Surrey W 7%	£10½	+½	700	17.1	..
39½	29½	Essex Wtr 5%	£31	+1	500	16.1	..
202	48	Felixstowe Dock	64	..	8.7	13.2	4.2
385	100	Imp Cont Gas	325	−2	10.4	3.2	24.3
430	110	LET Hldgs	120	h ..	3.1	2.6	..
39½	25	Mid Kent Wtr	£30½	−½	500	16.4	..
112	36	Milford Docks	64	−2	..	..	12.1
100	58	Nigerian Elec	95	..	11.8	12.4	..
385	230	Perak Rvr Hydro	365	..	24.6	6.8	13.3
39½	26	Sunderlnd Wtr	£31	..	500	16.1	..

SHIPPING

High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
232	82	Brit & Comm	163	−5	11.6	7.1	7.5
95	60	Fisher J.	75	..	3.6	4.8	3.9
250	103	Furness Withy	232	+6	9.4	4.1	5.3
160	43	Hill C. Bristol	60	..	4.0	6.7	..
310	75	Hunting Gibson	150	−2	13.9	9.2	1.9
42½	14	Jacobs J. I.	16	..	2.3	14.2	4.7
198	27	Manch Liners	195	..	7.5	3.8	5.3
121	50	Ocean Trans	97½	+1	9.5n	10.1	9.1
134	57	P & O 'Dfd'	82	+1	8.1	9.8	..
115	58	Runciman W	95	..	8.7b	9.1	4.0

MINES

High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
480	250	Amal Coils	460	..	23.1	5.0	..
536	285	Anglo Am Corp	460	−5	17.8	3.9	..
45½	20	Ang Am Gold	£39	..	169	4.3	..
33	13¾	Anglo Am Inv	£32	..	179	5.6	..
18	6	Anglo Transvl	£11½	..	61.2	4.2	..
18	6	Do A	£14½	..	61.2	4.2	..
166	77	Ayer Hitam	130	..	14.6	11.2	..
58	11	Beralt Tin	12	..	..e	..	..
135	43	Bishopsgate Pl	102	−3	..	..	..
10⅝	5⅝	Blyvoors	£8⅝	−⅛	62.5	7.2	..
260	44	Botswana RST	84	−2	..	..	..
360	162	Bracken Mines	290	−5	36.3	12.5	..
154	128	BH South	150	−2	7.3	4.9	..
22½	14½	Buffelsfontein	£19½	..	114	5.9	..
221	83	Charter Cons	166	−2	9.6	5.8	..
287	154	Cons Gold Fields	236	..	10.0	4.2	..
40	7	Daggafontein	16	..	..	..	..
343	154	De Beers 'Dfd'	303	−1	15.3	5.1	..
14½	6¼	Doornfontein	£10¾	..	70.2	6.5	..
23	7⅞	Durban Rood	£10¾	..	23.3	2.2	..
195	45	East Dagga	68	..	15.7	23.0	..
12¾	5	E Driefontein	£10¾	+¼	41.5	..	..
48	16	E Rand Cons	22	..	1.4	6.5	..
21	5⅝	E. Rand Prop	£10½	..	24.3	2.4	..
455	190	Elsburg Gold	365	..	29.6	..	..
17½	11	Ex-Lands	13	..	2.3	17.8	..
32¾	10¼	F S Geduld	£29¾	..	191	6.4	..
420	200	Geduld Inv	410	..	23.0	5.6	..
300	190	Geevor Tin	195	..	30.6	15.7	..
38½	14½	Gen Mining	£33	..	134b	4.2	..
18	8	Gold & Base	13	..	1.3	9.6	..
287	150	Gopeng Cons	208	−2	21.9	10.5	..
85	23	Gt Boulder Gold	72	h ..	1.2	..	..
510	130	Grootvlei	285	..	13.1	4.6	..
185	74	Hamersley	145	..	..	..	..
167	50	Hampton Gold	100	● ..	1.8	1.8	..
10½	4⅞	Harmony	£8⅝	+⅛	47.5	5.5	..
31	13¾	Hartebeest	£26¾	..	137	5.1	..
27½	9	Jo'burg Cons	£24¾	..	87.4	3.5	..
820	305	Kinross	710	+10	35.1	4.9	..
15½	8⅞	Kloof	£10½	..	35.1	3.3	..
232	77	Leslie	123	−2	14.3	11.5	..
17¾	6⅝	Libanon	£10¾	..	70.2	6.5	..
185	100	Ldn Tin	150	−3	10.5	7.0	..
200	75	Lydenburg Plat	135	−6	..	..	..
244	94	MIM Hldgs	187	+1	5.9	3.2	..
150	62	MTD (Mangula)	80	+2	8.2	10.3	..
220	85	Malayan Tin	160	..	15.5	9.7	..
710	260	Marievale Con	255	..	27.1	7.6	..
390	260	Messina Trans	325	−5	20.4	6.3	..
77	22	Metals Explor	34	..	..	..	..
545	250	Middle Wits	465	+5	16.0	3.9	..

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	Index No. Latest	Div. Yield %	Earnings Yield %	Index No. Previous
The Times Industrial Share Index	119.58	8.15	16.11	120.19
Largest Coys.	120.17	7.76	15.24	120.48
Smaller Coys.	118.14	9.37	18.93	119.26
Capital Goods	114.39	9.09	20.34	115.04
Consumer Goods	138.81	6.00	13.88	139.43
Store Shares	107.75	8.80	8.82	107.61
Largest financial shares	152.20	6.43	—	154.46
Largest financial and industrial shares	126.37	7.51	—	126.95
Commodity shares	221.45	4.53	13.43	221.77
Gold Mining shares	609.48	5.22	8.17	609.50
Industrial debenture stocks	77.33	7.33*	—	77.33
Industrial preference stocks	51.72	14.06*	—	51.74
3½% War Loan	25¼	14.07*	—	25¼

A record of The Times Industrial Share Indices is given below:—

	High	Low
All-time	198.47 (15.08.72)	60.18 (12.12.74)
1975	150.16 (05.06.75)	61.42 (06.01.75)
1974	136.18 (28.02.74)	60.18 (12.12.74)
1973	189.33 (12.01.73)	120.99 (14.12.73)
1972	198.47 (15.08.72)	174.46 (10.01.72)
1971	174.77 (31.12.71)	122.23 (02.03.71)
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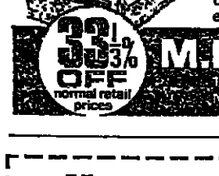
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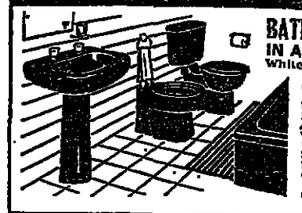
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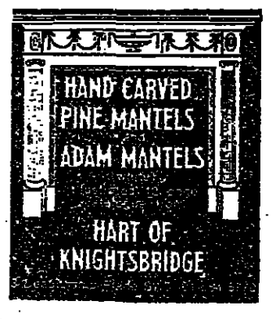
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PARLIAMENT, August 1, 1975

Request for hearing by former minister

House of Commons

The SPEAKER said that he had received a further letter from Mr John Stonehouse (Walsall, North, Lab) dated July 31: "Further to my previous letter I am writing to confirm my request for a personal statement to be made in the House. I am copying this letter to the Leader of the House. Yours sincerely, John Stonehouse."

MR TUCK (Watford, Lab)—You will recollect, Mr Speaker that yesterday the Leader of the House when I asked him whether he would move motion 622 he said it would be sensible to wait until we have a specific request from Mr Stonehouse.

(Motion 622 calls on the Governor of Brixton Prison to bring Mr Stonehouse in custody to the Commons on any one day before August 8, if Mr Stonehouse desires to be brought up.)

Mr Tuck added: As you have that letter, a copy of which I have put in the hands of the Leader of the House, and therefore an application has been made to be heard, can you inform the House whether the Leader of the House has made any representations to you that he wishes to make a statement, or wishes a motion to be moved.

The SPEAKER—No, I have had no such request nor do I think the Leader of the House would have had time to consider the matter. Now that I have informed the House of this letter the matter will be considered.

MR ORME, Minister of State, Northern Ireland (Salford West, Lab) moved that the Shipbuilding Industry (No 2) (Northern Ireland) Order 1975 be approved.

He said the main purpose was to bring Harland and Wolff into full public ownership.

The order was approved.

The Criminal Jurisdiction Bill passed the remaining stages.

House adjourned, 4.28 pm.

Royal Assent

The Royal Assent was signified to the following Acts:
Appropriation;
Remuneration, Charges and Grants, Finance (No 2),
International Road Haulage Permits,
Litigants in Person (Costs and Expenses),
Conservation of Wild Creatures and Wild Plants,
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Guard Dogs,
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Conclusions by autum on review of law on prostitution

House of Lords

LORD AVEBURY (L) asked the Government to state the number of admissions to prison and borstal during 1973 and 1974 of prostitutes convicted of soliciting; what proportion of total admissions to prison and borstal the figures represented, the average length of sentence served and the total cost.

LORD WELLS-PESTELL, a Lord in Waiting—In England and Wales 137 and 100 persons were received into prison in 1973 and 1974 representing 8.4 per cent and 6.2 per cent of total female admissions in those years. The average length of sentence served was 63 and 82 days respectively. Some two and eight persons respectively were received into borstal, representing 0.8 per cent and 2.8 per cent of total admissions in those years; the average periods served were 250 days and 241 days respectively. The annual costs of maintaining female inmate in custody in 1973-73 and 1973-74 were £2,425 and £2,[illegible] respectively.

In Scotland in those two years 46 and 28 persons respectively were received into prison and five and two persons were received into young offenders' institutions. These represented 6.7 per cent of total admissions to penal establishments in 1973 and 3.6 per cent in 1974. The average length of sentence served was 20 days in both years. The annual costs of maintaining female inmates in prisons in those years was £1,286 and £1,870 respectively and in young offenders' institutions £1,235 and £1,317 respectively.

LORD AVEBURY—Do not the figures indicate that sentences for this type of offence are not only ineffective but also horribly expensive? Does he not agree that criminal law in this field should not concern itself with morality and it is time we looked at the Street Offences Act?

LORD WELLS-PESTELL—It is understanding is that those do not pay income tax. They their profession over the p tax form and send it back.

LORD LEATHERLAND not they pay tax on the system? (Laughter).

House adjourned, 11.40 a

Squatters: report in 1976

The Commons sat all night on Thursday, rising at 10.24 am on Friday, debating a variety of topics on second reading of the Consolidated Fund Bill.

MR FINSBERG (Camden, Hampstead, C), in a debate on the duties of the police in relation to squatting in Greater London, said the primary duty of the police was to protect citizens and their property against criminals and it was not easy to understand why the police had been so beguiled by other facets of the law as to ignore that which was plain.

The public wanted to be given some hope that the law was available to protect public and private ownership of property. If it was not possible to enforce it, because the law was uncertain

DR SHIRLEY SUMMERSKILL, Under Secretary, Home Office (Halifax, Lab) said the Home Secretary could not give direc to the police on what acti take. It was a matter to b cided by the chief officer o force concerned, in the li relevant provisions of the l.

The main criticism that been made of the police i press was that they were tant to help a private owne wanted to turn out squ Every effort would be ma deal with the matter urgently the Law Commission rep early next year.

In cases where the wo squatter ousted the owner on holiday the police norma sounded but in cases of squ in unoccupied property the ence of a right to self-hel more doubtful and the po who were not above the law to take account of legal nuities and limitations.

Law Report August 1 1975 — Chancery Divis

Rectification of voluntary settlement

In re Butlin's settlement: Butlin v Butlin and Others

Before Mr Justice Brightman [Judgment delivered July 31]

His Lordship ordered rectification of a voluntary settlement containing discretionary trusts so as to provide for the inclusion of a general power for a majority of the trustees to make decisions binding on the minority. In 1974 Mr Justice Goff ruled that clause 9 of the settlement, executed by the plaintiff, Sir William Butlin, in 1947 on the joint advice of leading and junior counsel, conferred on the trustees a power to act by a majority only in the cases specified in subclause (i), namely illness, infirmity or absence abroad, and not generally. Sir William therefore decided to institute proceedings for rectification against the trustees, who included his present wife, Lady Butlin, in preference to appealing against Mr Justice Goff's decision.

Mr Charles Sparrow, QC, and Mr Kenneth Farrow for Sir William Butlin; Mr Rupert Evans for Lady Butlin; Mr J. Maurice Price for the remaining trustees.

HIS LORDSHIP said that Lady Butlin opposed rectification. The remaining trustees were in sympathy with Sir William and would like the settlement to contain a power for the majority to bind a minority, if such a power could properly be added.

In 1947 Sir William, then Mr Butlin, was minded to settle a part of his holding in Butlins Ltd on discretionary trusts for fiscal reasons. He was then married to, but estranged from his first wife, Mrs Dorothy Butlin, by whom he had a daughter, Shirley, then aged 15. He was living with Lady Butlin (then known as Mrs Norah Butlin), as if she were his wife. She had a son, Robert Reeves, aged 12, by her then marriage, and she and Sir William had two daughters, Cherrie, aged seven, and Sandra, aged five.

Having discussed the matter with his solicitor, Mr R. V. Stokes, Sir William decided to proceed and a draft settlement was prepared by junior counsel, who, in his opinion, suggested that Sir William might wish to consider whether he would like the discretionary powers to be exercisable by a majority of the trustees. It was decided to retain leading counsel, and counsel then jointly resettled the draft, and wrote a joint opinion in which the following words appeared: "We have expressly empowered a majority of the trustees to exercise any of the powers over income or capital of the trust fund, given to them by the settlement."

Clause 9(i), as redrafted and executed, read: "Any of the powers and authorities hereby given to or vested in the trustees may at any time be exercised by a majority of the trustees without the concurrence or with merely the formal concurrence of any trustee who by reason of illness, infirmity or temporary absence abroad may be unable or unable without inconvenience to take an active part therein . . ."

The subclause continued by authorizing such a trustee to act by giving a power of attorney to a co-trustee. Subclause (ii) provided that "Any trustee who shall dissent from any exercise of any such powers or authorities shall nevertheless concur in executing or signing any documents or doing any act necessary for giving effect to the exercise of any such powers or authorities by the majority . . . without being responsible for loss or for any breach of duty towards any beneficiary hereunder." The discretionary beneficiaries included Cherrie, Sandra, Shirley and Robert, and such further beneficiaries as Sir William might desiginate, and charities.

It was clear beyond doubt that Sir William had intended the settlement to contain a power for a majority to bind a minority, and Mr Stokes knew that that was so and accepted trusteeship on that basis. Both of them believed that clause 9 conferred a general power. Sir William read the engrossment carefully before executing it, and said in evidence that the meaning of clause 9(ii) was clear to him. His Lordship thought that he must have misread subclause (ii) as containing a general power, just as leading and junior counsel had similarly misconstrued it.

It was probable that whenever a difference of view arose, Mr Stokes had advised his co-trustees that the settlement contained a general power for the majority to bind the minority. He was the trust solicitor, that was his clear understanding, and he had been so advised by eminent counsel. Later, however, doubts crept in. Mr Stokes retired in 1966, and a new firm of solicitors took over. They sought advice from a leading counsel (not one appearing in the present proceedings) who advised in 1973 that having regard to subclause (ii), clause 9 did confer a general power to bind the minority. The proceedings before Mr Justice Goff were to set any doubt at rest.

The first of two suggested alternatives for rectification was that all but the first two lines of subclause (i) should be deleted so that it would then read: "Any of the powers and authorities hereby given to or vested in the trustees may at any time be exercised by a majority of the trustees." But that simple solution would not do. The power for an ill, infirm or temporarily absent trustee to appoint a co-trustee to be his attorney was clearly not unintended, and there could be no case for deleting it. The other alternative, involving splitting subclause (i) into two parts, thus separating the general power from the provision for a trustee to give a power of attorney, was a proper way of effecting rectification on the assumption that rectification was available on the facts.

As to the law, there was no doubt that the court had power to rectify a settlement, notwithstanding that it was a voluntary one, and not the result of a bargain such as an ante-nuptial settlement: *Lackersteen v Lackersteen* ((1860) 30 L.J. Ch 5), *Behrens v Hatbut* ((1936) 222 LT Jul 290) and *Bonhote v Henderson* ([1895] 1 Ch 202). Furthermore rectification was available not only where particular words had been added, omitted or wrongly written, by careless copying or the like, but also where words were purposely used, in the mistaken belief that they bore a different meaning from their correct meaning on their true construction. In such a case the court would rectify the document so as to express the true intention: *Jervis v Howle & Talke Colliery Co Ltd* ([1937] 1 Ch 67), *Whiteside v Whiteside* ([1950] Ch 74) and *Joscelyne v Nissen* ([1970] 2 QB 86).

There remained one point of some difficulty—the relevance or otherwise of the intention of the other parties to the settlement. Sir William's intention was pleaded and proved, but the statement of claim did not allege that it was the intention of Lady Butlin or the other original trustees that a general power should be in the settlement. The dr stated that both Lady Butli Mr Watts, another of the t trustees, were ignorant o William's intention. No ev was given to the contrary.

His Lordship was the faced with the question whe not adequately covered authority. To what extent settlor seeking rectification voluntary settlement to trustees were parties ha establish that the mistak mutual? Did it suffice to that he alone made a mist

If a settlement involv actual bargain it would b prising if it could be rectifi less the mistake were mutu that did not arise here. *Fo Fowler* ((1859) 4 De G & and *Hanley v Pearson* ((1 Ch D 545) did not assist.

The solution seemed to the fact that rectification discretionary remedy: in words in the absence of an bargain between the settl the trustees, a settlor might rectification by proving th settlement did not expre true intention. It was not e to prove that it failed to the true intention of the if they had not bargained. court could decline to re settlement against a pre trustee who objected to re tion.

In his Lordship's view th had jurisdiction to rect William's settlement notwit ing the absence of proof mistake on the part of any trustees, except Mr Stokes

Should the court exer discretion? There were important factors. (1) The sought to be introduced which could compel a tr concur in conduct of whic she might strongly disa (2) Force was added to the *having regard to the fact* trustees' discretionary powe distributive as well as managerial (3) Lady But the person against whe majority clause, if insert likely to be exercised. She mother of three of the beneficiaries and his I would hesitate before ex her in those circumstance evidence his Lordship woul an order for rectification.

It might be that the cour never rectify a settlement face of reasonable opposit trustee, whether original who had accepted office faith of the settlement as ex *To override reasonable opp* by a blameless trustee mig he thought unjust.

After considerable hesitat Lordship concluded that h to exercise his discretion in of rectification. His Lordsh come to that view becaus Butlin had not seen fit to an affidavit disclosing her for opposing rectification. I he that she merely wished Sir William to proof of hi tion. If her opposition wa on more than that, for e because she felt that her p was necessary to ensure t interests of certain benef were not being disregarde she should have given evid that effect. In the absence evidence his Lordship woul an order for rectification.

Solicitors: Richard Newto Forsyte, Kerman & Phillips; & Humbert.

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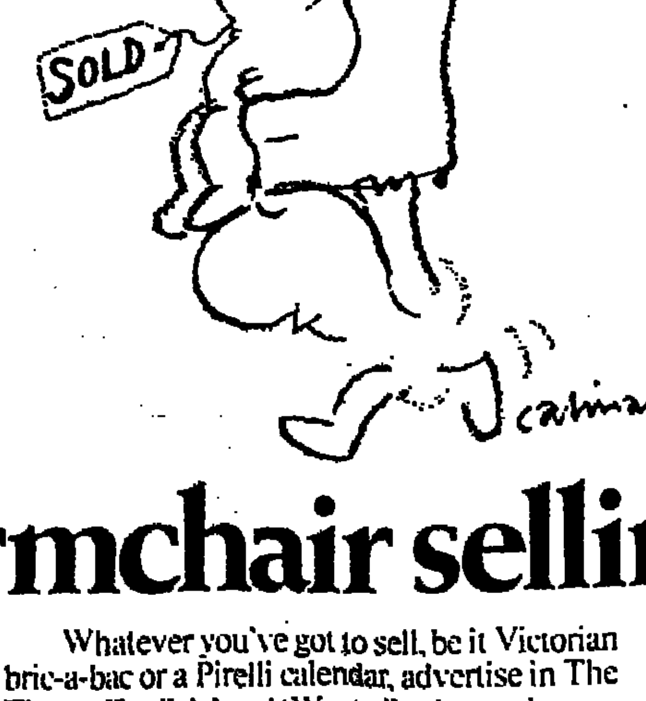
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PEEL : KRAMER.—On 26th July, at Simonstown, Christopher, second son of Mr R. P. and Mrs G. E. S. Peel, of Cape Town, to Louise, daughter of Commodore and Mrs. E. M. Kramer, of Simonstown, South Africa.

RUBY WEDDINGS

BOREHAM : TURNEY.—On August 3rd, 1935, at Mombasa Cathedral, L. A. (Mike) Boreham to Sybil Turney. Present address: 6 Keble House, Manor Fields, S.W.15.

BROWN : HUMPHREYS.—On 3rd August, 1935, at All Saints, Barry, Glamorgan, John Brown to Margaret Humphreys. Present address: 151 Kennington Road, London, S.E.11.

SAPPHIRE WEDDING

EVEREST : NUGENT.—On August 2nd, 1930, at St Mary Magdalen's Catholic Church, London, N.W.10 Robert Lawrence Everest to Catherine (Kitty) Nugent. Present address: 40 Saffrons Court, Eastbourne BN21 1DY.

DEATHS

ACRES.—On July 31st, 1975, suddenly at his home Tavira, Middle Common Road, Pennington, Hampshire, Major E. J. Acres, M.B.E., The Royal Scots Greys. Funeral service at Bournemouth Crematorium on Thursday, August 7th, at 3.30 p.m. Flowers may be sent to F. W. House & Sons, Lymington (tel. 3143).

BAKER.—On August 1st, 1975, peacefully in a nursing home at Hythe, Kent, Marie Bertha Anne, of Little Close, School Road, Saltwood, Hythe, widow of Reginald Frank Baker. Service at Hawkinge Crematorium on Tuesday, August 5th, at 11.30 a.m. Flowers to 1 Dymchurch Road, Hythe.

BESWICK.—On July 31st, 1975, Winifred Mary, widow of Percy James Beswick, of Northwood, Green Lane, Buxton, dear sister of Frances, service St. Anne's Church, Bath Road, Buxton, on Saturday August 2nd, at 10.30 a.m. prior to interment at Buxton cemetery.

BINNEY.—On 31st July at the National Heart Hospital, Barbara, loved wife of Roy and dear mother of Robert, Frances, James and George. Service at St Mary's Church, Wimbledon, on Tuesday, 5th August at 2.45 p.m. Afterwards at Putney Vale Crematorium. Only family flowers, please, but any donation in tribute to Multiple Sclerosis Society, 4 Tachbrook Street, S.W.1. Would be valued.

BRIEGEL.—On 31 July, in Sussex, Major Roy C. Briegel, T.D. (retired), much loved husband of Dorothy, father of Michael, father-in-law of Barbara and grandfather of Hilary, Clive, Stephen and Pieter. Funeral service at St. Richard's Church, Sydney Road, Haywards Heath, Sussex, at 2.30 p.m., on Wednesday, 6 August, followed by private cremation at Worth Crematorium. No flowers, but donations, if desired, to the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal, Pall Mall, London, SW1Y 5JY.

BROWN.—On July 31st, suddenly and peacefully at the home of her daughter, Betty Brown of Capelaw, Colinton, Edinburgh, widow of Commander Alan Brown, R.N., and dearly loved mother of Patrick, Robert and Margaret. Service at Holcombe Burnell (Perridge) on Thursday, 7th August at 11.30 a.m. followed by private cremation.

CARNE.—On 30th July, 1975, John Naylor (Jackie), O.B.E., at his home, Hillside, Wootton Courtenay, Minehead, peacefully, after a long illness, bravely borne, beloved husband of Patsy and dear father of Jacquie. Funeral 2 p.m., at Timberscombe Church today, Saturday.

CLEAVER.—On 31st July, peacefully in hospital, Hilda (Kerry), of Alton, Hampshire, in her 81st year.

CROSS.—On 1st August, 1975, in a nursing home, Edinburgh, Alexander Robertson Cross, M.C., T.D., writer formerly senior partner Mackenzie, Roberton and Co., Glasgow. Beloved husband of Margaret Bannatyne Watson, 13, Grange Rd., Edinburgh. Service at Warriston Crematorium, Edinburgh, on Tuesday, 5th August, at 2.30 p.m. Family flowers only.

DANIEL.—On August 1st, Joan Mary, aged 85 years, widow of the Rev. Arthur O. Daniel, at St. John's Home, St. Marys Rd., Oxford. Requiem at St. John's Home on Tuesday, August 5th, at 10.30 and followed by interment in Shaw Cemetery, Newbury, at 3 p.m. Family flowers only, but donations, if desired, to St. John's Home.

EDEN.—On July 30th, 1975, Marjorie Hait Noble Eden, widow of Lt.-Col. W. R. Eden, beloved mother of Robin and Joan.

EDWARDS.—On July 31st, 1975, at Addenbrookes Hospital, Cambridge, after a short illness, George Douglas, Chief Education Officer for Cambridgeshire and the Isle of Ely, 1954-1974. Husband of Winifred, dear father and grandfather. Memorial service to be arranged.

FEA.—On Monday, 28th July, suddenly and tragically, Richard William adored husband of Pat, and much loved elder son of Bill and Nan. Funeral private. Memorial service later. Please, no letters.

GORE BROWNE.—On 31st July, at the River House, Ashton Keynes, Mary Imogen, wife of the late Colonel Sir Eric Gore Browne and last surviving child of the Rt. Hon. Charles and Mary Booth. Private cremation. Memorial service later at Glaston, Rutland.

GRIGGS.—On July 30th peacefully in hospital at Bristol, Cmdr. Gladwyn Joseph Griggs, R.N. (retd.), of Yeo Cottage, Blagdon, Nr. Bristol, eldest son of the late Mr. and Mrs F. R. Griggs, of Wigwell Grange, Wirksworth, Derbyshire. No letters, please.

HANKEY.—On 31st July, 1975, at Sanderson Hospital, Galashiels, John (Jack) Basil Alers Hankey, DSO, OBE, KOSB, Lieutenant-Colonel (retired), of Darnick Tower Cottage. Funeral service at Holy Trinity Church, Melrose on Monday 4th August, at 2.15 p.m. Please, no flowers.

HUNT.—On August 1st, 1975, at his home in Bath, John Meynell Hunt, beloved husband of Nora. Funeral service Haycombe Crematorium, Bath, on Tuesday, August 5th, at 2.40 p.m. No flowers or letters, please.

JEFFERY. Lucy Ethel.—On July 31st, aged 79, peacefully, after illness. Memorial service at Fox Lane United Reformed Church, Palmers Green, 11.30 a.m. Tuesday, 5th August.

JONES.—On July 31, 1975, peacefully at King Edward VII Hospital, London, Sidney Jones, of 435 East 51st Street, New York, U.S.A. Funeral private. Memorial services in London and New York later.

MACKIE.—On 30th July, at North Ythsie Tarves, Aberdeenshire, in his 91st year, Maitland Mackie, farmer husband of the late Mary Yull. Funeral service to which all friends are invited at Tarves Church, at 3 p.m., today, 2nd August. Family flowers only.

MEAD.—On 31st July, peacefully at Northwood and Pinner District Hospital, May B. Mead, widow of George P. Mead, formerly of Hampstead. Cremation at Breakspear Crematorium, Ruislip, at 10.45 on Tuesday, 5th August. No letters, no flowers, please.

MERTON.—On July 31st, peacefully at her home, 17 Holywell, Oxford, in her 92nd year, Mary Elizabeth, beloved wife for 56 years of Gerald Merton, devoted mother of Patrick and Antoinette, and grandmother of Anna, Louis, Charlotte and Eleanor.

MURRAY.—On 26th July, suddenly in Nova Scotia, William Bentley, only son of the late Margaret and David Bentley Murray of Stirling and Elie.

PORTER.—On July 31st, suddenly, at his home, William David, beloved husband of Annette and father of Richard, Nicholas and Stephen. Private cremation. Memorial service to be announced later.

PRATT.—On July 31st, suddenly, Doctor Will Pratt of Park Lodge, Kenley. Funeral service at Randall's Park Crematorium, Randall's Road, Leatherhead on Wednesday, August 6th at 2.45 p.m. All inquiries to the Ebbutt Funeral Service, 89 High Street, Croydon. Telephone 01-688 5555.

RIVETT-CARNAC.—On 26th July, 1975, suddenly, at Eastbourne, Lieutenant-Colonel J. C. T. Rivett-Carnac, M.C., K.P.M., late of Indian Army and Police. Formerly Chief Constable of Huntingdon and the Isle of Ely. Cremation at Eastbourne Crematorium on Friday, 8th August, at 3.30 p.m. Flowers to Haine and Son, 19 South Street, Eastbourne.

ROWAN.—On 31st July, 1975, Cecil Thomas, younger son of the late Andrew and Margaret Rowan, of Melbourne, Australia, and beloved brother of Madelaine Hopwood, of Rosacre Nursing Home.

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SELMES.—The cremation service for the late Henry Selmes will take place on Friday, 8th August, at 12.30 p.m., at Tunbridge Wells Crematorium. No letters or flowers please.

IN MEMORIAM

ALLEN, MURIEL. — Died 3rd August, 1972, wife of Brigadier Aloy Allen, mother of David and Ann, grandmother of Jonathan and Caroline. Very dearly beloved by all who knew her.

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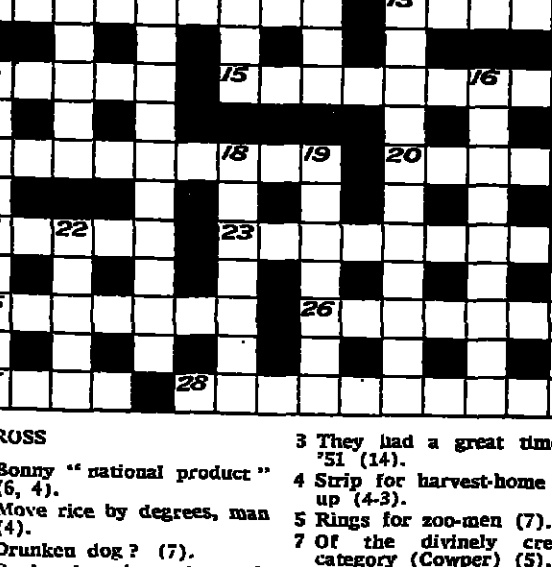
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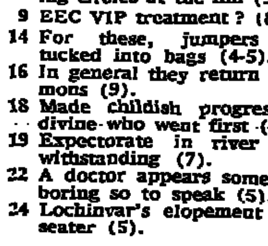
ACROSS

1 Bonny "national product" (6, 4).
6 Move rice by degrees, man (4).
10 Drunken dog ? (7).
11 One's boxed and one's beaten : hear, hear (7).
12 Lot of herrings carried in the chase (9).
13 Book with most leaves (5).
14 It gives a last flutter (5).
15 They register our power in piping (3-6).
17 Examine the injury, Edward, looks twisted (9).
20 Capital for Patrick in stormy loch, but fatal in North Sea (5).
21 Art show Diana and I attend : more than one spoke (5).
23 He thought to prove he was (9).
25 To talk cut telly, that's the thing (7).
26 Young rascal told to travel widely to better himself (7).
27 John Cotman — hoping his pictures would ? (4).
28 Advised about Bert's lack of capital being made public (10).

DOWN

1 Knightly Lancelot, artistic Edmund (5).
2 Telling of smuggled back allowance (9).
3 They had a great time in '51 (14).
4 Strip for harvest-home get-up (4-3).
5 Rings for zoo-men (7).
7 Of the divinely created category (Cowper) (5).
8 Goat fellow's legs describing circles at the inn (9).
9 EEC VIP treatment ? (8, 6).
14 For these, jumpers are tucked into bags (4-5).
16 In general they return commons (9).
18 Made childish progress to divine who went first (7).
19 Expectorate in river notwithstanding (7).
22 A doctor appears somewhat boring so to speak (5).
24 Lochinvar's elopement two-seater (5).

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